

# Brockton Emergency Management Agency



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## What does the Emergency Management Agency do ?

- The Brockton Emergency Management Agency is the city agency responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, volunteer, and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the City of Brockton. The Brockton Emergency Management Agency develops plans for effective response to all hazards, disasters or threats; trains emergency personnel and volunteers to protect the public; provides information to city residents; and assists individuals, families, and businesses to mitigate against, prepare for, and respond to and recover from emergencies, both natural and manmade.



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# What is CERT?



# Community Emergency Response Team



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- Funded in part by FEMA
- ◆ CERT members become Volunteers for the Brockton Emergency Management Agency (BEMA)
- ◆ Course is used to provide common training standard for all BEMA volunteers
- ◆ Report to the Brockton Emergency Management Director

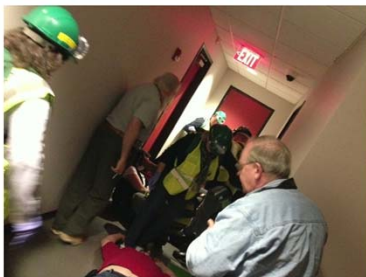


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# Who can become a CERT member?

- Age 18 or older
- Pass a criminal background check



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# CERT Disaster Response

- Respond in period immediately after a disaster
- Assist emergency response personnel when requested
- Serve as bridge for first responders
- CERT members' first responsibility is personal and family safety
- Respond after a disaster:
  - Locate and turn off utilities, if safe
  - Extinguish small fires
  - Treat injuries
  - Conduct light search and rescue
  - Help to relieve survivor stress
  - Provide info to ER personnel



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# CERT members do not .....

CERT members do not do the following:

- Suppress large fires.
- Enter structures that they consider heavily damaged and dangerous (e.g., leaning or moved from foundation).
- Perform hazardous materials cleanup or respond to incidents involving radiological, chemical, or biological agents.
- Perform medical, fire, or search and rescue operations beyond their level of training.
- Activate or deploy unless called for in their procedures.



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# No disaster, What does CERT do ?

- Support first responders on a day to day basis
- Public education on disaster preparedness
- Train !



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# CERT Guiding Principles

- Personal safety is priority #1
- CERT members almost always work in TEAMS
- CERT teams try to “do the greatest good for the greatest possible number of people.”



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# CERT Training

- All training must be completed to receive certification
  - 24 hours total classroom instruction including simulation
  - 2 online courses from FEMA
    - ICS-100
      - ❖ Intro. Incident Command System
    - IS-700
      - ❖ National Incident Management System
- Training is at no cost to volunteers



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# What do CERT volunteers learn?

- Home and workplace safety and preparedness
- Disaster medical operations including first aid and triage



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# What do CERT volunteers learn?



- Light search and rescue
- Fire safety and suppression
- Disaster psychology
- Team organization
- Terrorism awareness

# CERT Equipment

- Helmet
- Goggles
- N95 Mask
- Gloves (work and non-latex)
- Multipurpose tool
- First aid kit
- Vest



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# Continuing Education for CERTs

- Quarterly meetings
- Specialized workshops...
  - NWS Storm Spotter
  - Search and Rescue
  - Animal Issues in Disasters
  - Special Needs Concerns
  - Community Relations
  - Donations Management



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# Why become involved?

- For your own personal safety and awareness
- To be of service to your community.
- To meet great people and be part of a team
- Multiple ways to participate
  - Personal only
  - Behind the scenes
  - In the field



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Thank you for learning more about CERT

QUESTIONS ?



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