



**The Northern Sonoma County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is sponsored by the Cloverdale and Northern Sonoma County Fire Districts. It is people just like YOU who volunteer for 24 hours of training in disaster preparedness, are sworn in as volunteer California Disaster Assistance Workers, and may choose to volunteer for individual emergencies.**

### Highlights for the Team:

- Trained more than 120 new CERT volunteers; trained more than 150 in CPR/AED in Sonoma County from Cloverdale to Bodega Bay
- Activated by the President/Governor/Sonoma County to:
  - Provide COVID wellness checks for senior citizens
  - Provide support to the Sonoma County Emergency Operations Center
    - During the LNU Lightning Complex Fire and Glass Fire
- Initiated construction of fire camera watch tower and GMRS radio repeater for Cloverdale
- Conducted public awareness and education programs including the Fire & Earthquake Safety EXPO attended by 1750+ citizens in 2021 and 2022.
- Individual CERT volunteers also provided first aid and other assistance

**What do CERT Volunteers do?** YOU can help your neighbors and community! Your primary responsibility is to **support 1<sup>st</sup> responders** during major disasters. This includes:

- respond to medical emergencies
- suppress small fires
- light search and rescue
- evacuation traffic control
- firefighter rehabilitation during major wildfires
- conduct community preparedness programs
- help rescue injured or trapped animals
- wellness checks during pandemics
- staff and support emergency evacuation centers

**Who can join? Everyone!** There are no physical, language, or citizenship requirements! There are roles for everyone of any age 15-99+.

- Can't stand for long periods? Volunteer to register evacuees at Citrus Fairgrounds Emergency Shelter
- Want to volunteer while evacuated? Remotely manage volunteer database and provide emergency alerts to residents.
- Do you communicate in Spanish? **We have full CERT training in Spanish language!**



# Why Join CERT?

- Become a trained disaster/emergency Volunteer
- Support your family
- Support your neighbors
- Support your community
- Work with first responders
- Be part of a Team
- Learn new skills
- Gain valuable experience
- Have FUN



**YOU can Make a Difference!** Support your neighbors and community by additional free training:

- Advanced First Aid
- CPR and AED Certification
- Evacuation with Pet Animals
- Radio Communications
- Evacuation Traffic Control
- Firefighter Rehabilitation Support
- Emergency Shelter Management
- Fireline Safety Awareness Course
- Animal Rescue Technician training
- All Hazards Health and Safety Awareness Course

**Northern Sonoma County CERT is the only official CERT operation in Sonoma County** recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) as a community volunteer organization designed to assist first responders in the event of disasters. **We are trained volunteers who play a vital role in Wildfire, Earthquake, Floods, Pandemics, and other disaster situations.**

## Who Should Take CERT Training?

- Individuals who want to make a difference
  - Communities of Faith
  - Teachers/School Administrators
  - Leaders in the Latinx Community
  - Sovereign Nations
  - Members of Community Service Organizations
  - Scouting and youth organizations
  - Juniors and Seniors in High School
  - Farm/Winery/Company Safety Teams
- **Volunteer to join CERT now!** – contact CERT Program Manager Geoff Peters at [gpeters@NoSoCoCERT.org](mailto:gpeters@NoSoCoCERT.org) or 301-675-7741. You can donate to CERT at: <https://sonomaresponds.raisely.com/>.