

Objectives

- Describe how the CERT Grant Program has changed in Florida for FY 2016 – 17
- Describe how CERT fits in with local Citizen Corps Councils and Voluntary Agencies
- Highlight the programs that exist in the state for the current state fiscal year
- Update participants on the RFP Process for FY 2017 - 18



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Community Emergency

Response Team



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CERT:

Community Emergency Response Team

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.



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History

- Established in Los Angeles in 1986
- Adopted by FEMA in 1993
- Funded through State Emergency Mitigation Planning Grant (EMPG)
- Precursor to Citizen Corps, established in 2002



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Citizen Corps

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.



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Current Florida Program

138 Registered CERT Programs

33 Registered Citizen Corps Programs

9,855 Volunteers Engaged



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Current Volunteer Florida 2016 – 2017 Grants

40 Grants

23 CERT

17 Citizen Corps

22 Counties

Priorities:

- Training
- Recruitment
- Engagement



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Starting CERT in your community

- Be supported by a local emergency response organization
- Conduct the CERT Basic Training Course & CERT exercise
- Designate a point of contact person
- Register your CERT Program with FEMA



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Current

- **Both Coral Springs & East Lake CERT teams have been featured in the news recently for assisting with the search for missing children.**
- **CERT teams across the state are rehabbing firefighters as they respond to wildfires**
- **Hurricane Hermine**
- **Hurricane Matthew**



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What's Next?

Partner with additional community resources

Grow the program

Next Grant Cycle



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