



# CERT NEWS



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Information for Manchester, MO CERT members

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**CERT:** "Doing the greatest good for the greatest number"

## CERT Calendar/ Upcoming Events:

### Mark your calendars:

- \* Susan will once again be teaching CPR w/AED classes. Sign up today, class size is limited!
- \* **08-November-2005: CERT Refresher**  
7:00 - 9:30 PM \*\*\* **Please RSVP to your sector leaders**
- \* **29-November-2005: City Call Up - 5:30 PM**  
**A City Reacts to Disaster: What makes Manchester tick?**  
\*\*\* **Please RSVP to your sector leaders**

## From the Top

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### What is Citizen Corps?

Americans responded to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, with courage and compassion, as well as a renewed commitment to doing good and desire to help others. In January 2002, President George W. Bush created the USA Freedom Corps to capture the spirit of sacrifice that emerged throughout our communities and provide Americans with meaningful opportunities to serve their communities and our country.

Citizen Corps, a vital component of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

The Department of Homeland Security coordinates and manages Citizen Corps in partnership with the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services. Under the **Citizen Corps Council** umbrella, **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**, **Medical Reserve Corps**, **Neighborhood Watch**, **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**, and **Fire Corps** provide opportunities for everyone in America to directly participate in efforts to improve homeland security. Citizen Corps also partners with national organizations that advance the first responder-citizen preparedness mission as well as non profit organizations and other federal departments and agencies that provide resources and materials for public education, training, or volunteer service opportunities.

**Citizen Corps Councils** bring together leaders from law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and management agencies, local elected officials, volunteer organizations and the private sector to strengthen Citizen Corps programs at the state and local level and engage citizens in homeland security.

### What is CERT?

**CERT** provides training in emergency preparedness and basic response techniques enabling citizens to take a more active role in personal and public safety. Each CERT member completes 20 hours of training on disaster preparedness, basic disaster medical operations, fire safety, light search and rescue, and other essential topics. The training also includes a disaster simulation in which participants practice skills they learned throughout the course. In the event of an emergency, CERT members can provide immediate assistance to victims, assist in organizing spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site and provide critical support to first responders.

**CPR w/ AED Classes offered:**

**CPR with AED – full course**

Class size is limited, no previous experience required  
\$10.00 per class session

6-Nov	Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
5-Nov	Friday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3-Dec	Saturday	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CPR Challenge – these sessions will be tests**

*\* Only for those confident in their CPR skills*

\$10.00 per 2 hour session

26-Oct	Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
5-Nov	Saturday	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
17-Nov	Thursday	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
9-Dec	Friday	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
15-Dec	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice date: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice date: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**CERT Refresher**

This event will give you an opportunity to meet new & old CERT Team Members and refresh those First Aid, fire extinguisher, and cribbing skills. Appropriate attire is a must.... Packs, helmets, flashlights, close-toed shoes, long pants, etc.... Dress for hands-on action at the Public Works Bldg.

**Tuesday, 11/8/05; 7 - 9:30 pm.**

**RSVP to your Sector Captain\*** no later than Halloween (10/31) and remember, there is no such thing as too much practice of these lifesaving skills.

**A City Reacts to Disaster:  
What makes Manchester tick?**

Find out what steps your city takes during an emergency. How does the command flow? Who is in charge with what responsibilities?

What is your role as a CERT volunteer?

On **Tuesday, 11/29/05 at 5:30 p.m.** Manchester city employees will gather at City Hall under mock disaster alert to lay out the plan for us. For one hour you will see what happens when an emergency hits

Manchester. There will be plenty of time for questions. Those who would like to continue discussions or simply socialize are invited to meander next door for a Chinese dinner. **Reservations please.... again, to your Sector Captain\* no later than Thanksgiving (11/24).**

***\*Sector Captains: please, call Susan with the reservations. Leave a message if she is not available.***

*Until next time... Be safe and be prepared!*