

CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District

Commonly Asked Questions

How many members are on a team?

We prefer 6 or more people to a team.

What are the age requirements?

We ask that you be at least 18 years-old. There is no such thing as 'too old' for this program.

What are the physical requirements?

There are no physical requirements. Since there are many different components to a CERT team, there is always a place for someone who is not able to perform physical tasks easily.

What will I do during a hurricane or other disasters?

You will be required to evacuate during a hurricane. For other major wind events or for smaller and less-predictable disasters, CERT gives you the knowledge to protect yourself, and assist your neighbors after the disaster.

How much does this program cost?

CERT is \$20 to all members. Included in that cost is the basic equipment which you can use during a disaster, certification in CERT, CPR, AED's, and choking. Lunch is also included for our volunteers on DAY2 of the training.

How much time will be required of me?

To be considered active, we only ask that you finish all nine course units, which makes up the 16 hours. All activations or additional training opportunities after you've completed your 16 hour course are entirely optional.

Can I still participate in my neighborhood's CERT team if I am a seasonal resident?

Absolutely, we only ask that you contact your CERT Captain to ensure that he/she knows not to call you if there is an activation while you are away from your home in Bonita Springs.

**For any other questions please contact Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue's CERT Coordinator
Nicole Hornberger at 949-6228.**