



### WHAT IS CERT?

Following the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, state and local government officials across the nation, increased opportunities for citizens to become volunteers and play integral roles in supporting emergency responders.

In January 2002, the President of the United States George W. Bush launched the Citizen Corps volunteer program to capture the spirit of service that emerged throughout our communities following the terrorist attacks.

In 2005, Wisconsin became a part of the nationally recognized Citizen Corps with several regions established throughout the state. Originally our Citizen Corp area was regional, however, local emergency managers decided that it would be in the best interest of our communities to provide coverage on a more local basis. That is how CERT was born in Outagamie County, Wisconsin.



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### FRIENDS of COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



### SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL CERT VOLUNTEERS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
in Emergency Situations

## CERT VOLUNTEERS

Locally, CERT volunteers function under the direction of Outagamie County Emergency Management. Listed below are just a few of the valuable services CERT volunteers are trained to provide:

- Provide rehydration, nourishment and rest (rehab) for firefighters and other responders at emergency scenes such as fires, chemical spills, accident reconstruction, post storms, floods, and shelters
- Distribute weather radios to high risk residents at low or no cost
- Triage large scale disaster events and assist in providing first aid and accountability
- Storm damage assessment/clean-up
- Assist Red Cross and other relief organizations with mass care operations
- Search for missing persons
- Provide emergency preparedness materials for families and individuals at community outreach and safety events



## Friends of CERT, Inc.

### WHAT IS FRIENDS OF CERT?

*FOCERT is a 501c3, Wisconsin based tax-exempt, not-for-profit charitable organization managed by a seven member board of directors and a county ex-officio*

*The mission of the Friends of CERT is to provide financial support to further the efforts of the Outagamie County CERT volunteer program in their quest to enhance individual and family emergency preparedness, provide quality rehabilitation services for emergency response personnel during disasters, and during extended emergencies in Outagamie County and other counties as requested.*

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

### CASH GIFTS AND GRANTS

#### To provide:

- Essential and relevant, basic and advanced training to support ever changing volunteer activities
- Personal Protection Equipment for volunteers
- Fire scene decontamination equipment to meet new safety standards
- Easy up heating/cooling tent
- Specialized cooling chairs
- Preparedness and safety informational materials for the public
- Upgraded, modernized response rig - truck & trailer

### IN-KIND SERVICES & SUPPLIES

- Truck & trailer maintenance and major repairs
- Printing services for outreach
- Gift cards to purchase quality protein bars, rehydration drinks, first-aid, fuel, and cleaning supplies.