

# Who is the Naples Reserve Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs. As a result, the LAFD created the Disaster Preparedness Division with the purpose of training citizens.

The training program that LAFD initiated enables the process of citizens to help in time of a disaster. As a CERT Trained Naples Reserve resident you are trained to safely help your family and neighbors in a disaster. As a result, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Management Institute (EMI), and the National Fire Academy adopted and expanded the CERT materials believing them applicable to all hazards.

Naples Reserve CERT can provide immediate assistance to victims in our Community. We are volunteers who have been trained in basic triage, basic first aid, search and rescue. We are no firefighters, paramedics, emergency medicinal technicians, or law enforcement. We are not paid first responders. We are extensions of professional responders until certified responders are able to arrive. We will collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources following a disaster.

## Neighbor helping Neighbor

CERT National web site:

<http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>

Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community\\_Emergency\\_Response\\_Team#CERT\\_Response](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_Emergency_Response_Team#CERT_Response)

Florida Good Samaritan Law;

<http://www.cprinstructor.com/FL-GS.htm>

Greater Naples Fire Rescue:

<https://www.greaternaplesfire.org/>

**These safety tips provided to you by the Naples Reserve  
Community Emergency Response Team**

