

CERT Class at Fort Belvoir Registration Instructions

There are no prerequisites and this course is designed for everyone, 16 or older. Please distribute this and encourage people to take advantage of the FREE emergency preparedness and response training.

The next CERT Class on Fort Belvoir (CERT 134) will start on Thursday, March 22, 2018 and run for 8 Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 10:00 PM. We still have openings in the class – please see below for registration instructions and please invite a friend or two (or three). We will arrange for temporary Base Access for the class if you do not already have regular access to the Post.

Registration for a CERT class is a two-step process, so please be patient. First, since CERT is a Fairfax County Volunteer Program, you must create an account in the Fairfax County Volunteer Management System (VMS). Please go to: <http://www.fairfaxcountycert.org/p/about-fairfax-county-cert-training.html>

Complete the registration form. The volunteer registration form requests a lot of information since it is used by many Fairfax County volunteer programs, but you only need to complete the required (*) fields to sign up for the CERT training. Note that the system can be a bit slow (this is probably not something to try to do on your phone).

Once you have created a VMS account, log into the account (enter your ID and password) and select the search function on the left hand menu; enter CERT in the search field and press the search button (not enter). This should take you to a list of CERT and CERT related classes. Scroll down to find **CERT 134 (at Fort Belvoir)** and select the apply button. You should receive an auto-response pretty quickly.

Note that if CERT 134 is not convenient for you, there will be several other additional classes scheduled, though the details have not yet been determined.

See more information below.



Are You and Your Family Prepared for a Disaster?

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Do you have a family plan? Do you have emergency supplies for your family and pets if the power is out and the roads are closed for a few days or longer? What if you have to evacuate? What if someone gets hurt and rescue crews cannot get to you right away? These are all important questions and there are good answers.

Fairfax County participates in a National Program that trains and prepares citizens for all kinds of disasters; **THE TRAINING IS FREE!** **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training is presented by certified instructors generally in eight 3.5 hour sessions. Training is informative; practical; hands on; challenging; and FREE! Participants must be at least 16 years old.

The Training includes:

- Things you can do to prevent emergencies in your home and office; safety practices
- Things you can do now to prepare for a disaster and reduce the impact when it happens
- Things you can do during a disaster to protect yourself and your family
- Things you can do after a disaster to help your family and your neighborhood recover if the professional responders are delayed and cannot get to you right away

Specific Classes include:

- Personal and Family Preparedness
- Disaster Preparedness
- Basic Fire Suppression
- Medical Aid and Operations
- CERT Team Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Hazardous Materials

Classes are regularly scheduled at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, as well as at local venues (fires stations; community centers; houses of worship etc.) around the County, including on Fort Belvoir. For more information and to sign up for classes, go to <http://www.fairfaxcountycert.org> and follow the prompts (to register, you will need to create an account in the Fairfax County Volunteer Management System). You can also contact the Fairfax County CERT Liaison at fire.cert@fairfaxcounty.gov with additional questions.

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