



CERT Class Schedule

Will County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) along with Channahon EMA, Minooka EMA, and Shorewood EMA have scheduled a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class to be held Saturday, October 17 and 24, 2015 at Minooka Fire Station #1 at 7901 E Minooka Rd, Minooka and we would like to invite you to attend.

Why take the CERT training?

The class is being instructed to enhance the teams in Channahon, Minooka, and Shorewood. However, it also provides great citizen emergency response training. Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay for them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

Who can take the training?

Natural for the training are neighborhood watch, community organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees, scouting organization and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose. Members from the general public who have an interest in learning these CERT skills are useful in disaster and everyday life events. You must be a minimum of 18 years old to attend. However, students 14 to 17 years of age are eligible, if accompanied by a parent. Class size is limited to 30 for this session. Information on how to become members of Channahon, Minooka, and Shorewood teams will be discussed during the class.

CERT Training will teach participants to:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.
10. Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.

CLASS DATE

(YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS)

Saturday, October 17, 2015 — Class Hours: 8:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, October 24, 2015 — Class Hours: 8:00am to 5:00pm

To register, send an email to ema@willcountyillinois.com with your first and last name, daytime telephone number, and current email address. For questions, please call Brenda Lutz at 815-740-8353.

Each class is limited to the first 30 who register.

Cost to attend: \$0.00

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