Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

What is CERT?

The CERT program trains people to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

Who can attend CERT basic training?

Almost any citizen can attend CERT basic training, regardless of age or physical ability. Participants must be at least 16 years of age (parental consent required if under 18) and must submit to a background check.

Do I have to volunteer after CERT basic training?

No, you are not required to volunteer after training. Those who do wish to be added to the Clinton County CERT volunteer roster must attend all three days of CERT basic training and will be interviewed by EMA staff.

2026 CERT Basic Training Course

FREE and Open to all Clinton County Residents!

Dates and Times:

Friday, May 1st – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (dinner provided)
Saturday, May 2nd – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
Sunday, May 3rd – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Locations:

Clinton County Law Center – 241 7th Ave N, Clinton, IA
or
Clinton County Satellite Office – 226 11th St, DeWitt IA
(Location will be selected based on where the majority of participants reside in order to reduce travel time)

To Sign Up:

Fill out and submit the *CERT Volunteer Enrollment Form* and *Authorization for Release of Information Agreement*, found on the Emergency Management Agency website, no later than April 2nd, 2026

Please note that class size is limited, and not all who apply will be able to attend. If a minimum number of participants is not reached, the course may be rescheduled.