

# Get Involved!

Volunteers can make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all types. CERT was selected as one of the primary programs offered to the American public to meet these various challenges. CERT Training covers the following areas:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Basic Life Support
- Light Search & Rescue
- CERT Team Management
- Disaster Psychology
- Weapons of Mass Destruction—Terrorism



Stockton's WMD—Weapons of Mass Destruction Drill  
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## Are You Prepared?



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# Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Volunteering in the Community through City Government



Auxiliary Firefighters strengthen and enhance the Stockton Fire Department.



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# What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept was first developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. The LAFD recognized that citizens will very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster.

The purpose of the CERT program is to provide a higher level of disaster preparedness if an event of this nature should occur. The initial concept of CERT was to provide public education and was not geared to supplement emergency services during a disaster.



Police cadets patrolling Weber Point Events Center.

The program developed and implemented in 2003 for the City of Stockton expands the scope of the original CERT, and allows specific volunteers to work side by side with our emergency services workers. This includes the following three classifications of training:

## Class 1: Citizen's Disaster Preparedness (Awareness)

Training provides an awareness level for disaster preparedness, the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS), and CERT.

## Class 2: Citizen CERT Member

Class 2 trained citizens receive the basic CERT course, developed by the LAFD, and will be assigned to the Citizen Support Branch.

## Class 3: CERT Trained City of Stockton Volunteers

- Fire Department Auxiliary/ Explorers/ Chaplains
- Police Department Reserves/ Cadets/ VIPS/ Chaplains/Animal Shelter Friends
- EMT and Paramedic Students
- American Medical Response Employees
- Other qualified Fire, Medical & Law Volunteers

CERT Volunteers trained at levels 2 and 3 are placed into one of our four different functional branches and will work side by side with our emergency workers:

- Fire Branch
- Medical Branch
- Law Branch
- Citizen Support Branch (Red Cross)

City of Stockton CERT Trained Volunteers who receive Class 3 training are placed into the Fire Branch, Law Branch or Medical Branch, based upon their expertise.

## How do I get involved?

If you are interested in the CERT Program, or volunteering in any other way, please contact the City of Stockton Office of Volunteer Services at: 209.937.8097 or log onto [www.stockton.gov.com/](http://www.stockton.gov.com/) volunteer for more information.

City of Stockton Event Volunteer



CERT training for Fire Auxiliary.



V.I.P.S. recording information at the Police Department.



Auxiliary Firefighter & children in Downtown Stockton.

