

## **CERT - Community Emergency Response Team**



An earthquake, flood, tornado, or other emergency/disaster could isolate you from basic services such as fire, police, EMS, gas, water, electricity and telephone.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

If you are interested in participating in the CERT program, please contact Wendy Cantrell, Training Officer with the Memphis/Shelby County EMA at 901-515-2525.