



### CERT Gear

- Back pack, ANSI Vest
- Helmet, Gloves
- Flashlight, Safety Goggles



## Butler County Community Emergency Response Team



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### INTRODUCTION

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. Community based preparedness planning allows us to prepare for and respond to anticipated disruptions and potential hazards following a disaster. As individuals, we can prepare our homes and families to cope during the critical period.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Dept (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster and initiated some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills for survival until responders or other assistance could arrive. In 1994, the Emergency Management Institute in

cooperation with the LAFD, expanded the CERT materials to make them applicable to all hazards.

In 2003, President Bush asked all Americans to volunteer in the service of their country. CERT training was selected as one of the primary programs offered to meet the challenge of harnessing the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. This training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are unavailable. With training and practice and by working as a team, you will be able to do the greatest good for the greatest number of victims after a disaster, while protecting yourself from becoming a victim.