HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are currently offering Campus CERT training at no cost to employees who have volunteered as team members in campus buildings.

To learn more about Campus CERT and how to start a team in your building, please contact Auburn University Public Safety and Security's Emergency Management team at:

AU Public Safety & Security

543 W Magnolia Ave

Auburn, AL 36849

334-844-8888

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OR visit our website at:

www.auburn.edu/emergency

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What is Campus CERT?

The Campus Community Emergency Response Team (Campus CERT) is a group of trained individuals who have volunteered to take an active role during campus emergencies. Campus CERT is an important component of our emergency management programs at Auburn University, and is generally organized into teams by building.

All team members are issued a backpack full of emergency supplies.

Team members primarily assist with evacuation and sheltering activities within their building.

Other duties may include:

- Identify and help to correct hazards
- Communicate with first responders and building occupants
- Perimeter control
- Disaster medical triage and treatment
- Light search and rescue
- Shelter management
- Volunteer and donations management
- Record keeping

Training Curriculum

The Campus CERT training consists of 16 hours of training plus a final ½ day exercise. Course modules include:

Disaster Preparedness
Identifying hazards; actions to take before and after a disaster; an overview of Campus CERT program

Fire Safety
Fire chemistry; assessing fire hazards; hazardous materials; hands-on fire extinguisher use

Disaster Medical Operations
Recognizing and treating life-threatening conditions; triage; head-to-toe assessments; basic first aid and treatment for various injuries; sanitation practices

Light Search and Rescue Operations
Search and rescue planning; size-up of damaged areas; search techniques; rescue techniques; Evacutrac use

Campus CERT Organization
National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) introduction; roles of team members; decision-making; documentation

Disaster Psychology
Maintaining the well-being of the team and its members; recognizing signs and symptoms of psychological stress in disaster victims and workers

Terrorism and Campus CERT
Recognition of potential terrorist acts (B-NICE and CBRNE indicators); appropriate response by Campus CERT members

Skills Review and Disaster Simulation
Hands-on skills review; disaster simulation; exercise review; discussion of next steps for team

Our Vision for Campus CERT

Our ultimate goal is to have an active Campus Community Emergency Response Team (Campus CERT) in each regularly occupied campus building. We need volunteers to make this a success. Personnel who spend most of their work day in their office area make ideal candidates, but others may participate as well.

Future plans also include periodic supplemental training opportunities for Campus CERT members in topics such as CPR, AEDs, and shelter management.

Campus CERT Priorities

The goal of Campus CERT is to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The number one priority is ALWAYS the safety of the Campus CERT member. Team members are never asked to jeopardize their own safety.

Top priorities:

- Personal safety
- Safety of immediate coworkers
- Safety of other building occupants & campus community
- Minimizing impact to property and the environment