A DISASTER JUST HIT. You may be on your own for 72 hours. WHAT DO YOU DO? Join us on [enter date] at [enter time] to learn more about CERT. Email [enter email address] to register.

Emergency responders do their best to respond as quickly as possible, but it is also the responsibility of individual citizens to learn how to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their communities. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Protect yourself and help build a more resilient community. Go CERT!

NEW CERT CLASSES START IN JANUARY 2020

WHAT IS CERT?
The Town of Stafford Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is comprised of volunteer citizens, who are trained in basic life safety and emergency preparedness skills. The program is community based in order to provide rapid and safe care for our residents and to provide support to the Town’s emergency personnel in the event of a major incident or large scale disaster. The team has and will continue further training in order to provide residents and first responders with the most effective support. It will also focus on public education in order to increase the emergency preparedness of all residents in our community.

Under the direction of the Emergency Management Director, FEMA’s Community Emergency Response Team Program trains volunteers to prepare for the types of disasters that our community may face. The team, when activated, will specialize in services such as:

- Emergency Sheltering
- Emergency Center Operations
- Search & Rescue
- Point of Distribution Support (POD)
- Assist with Traffic Control and Road Closures
- Transportation of Essential Personnel
- Support Emergency Services as Needed
- Damage Assessment
- Educational Outreach to the Community
- Other functions as the Emergency Management Director designates

Any resident looking to join CERT may contact: James Desso, Emergency Management Director at emddesso@staffordct.org