

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

The C.E.R.T. Program has been in Ocean County since 2002, through the collaboration of the Emergency Management Offices of the State Police, Sheriff's Office and Municipalities. Interestingly, Plumsted Township was the first such team to be organized in Ocean County.

The basic C.E.R.T class is a 20-hour course, scheduled in 3 to 4-hour modules, over a 3 to 4-week period. All training courses, student materials and equipment are provided free of charge courtesy of Ocean County. Training modules include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Medical Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Hazardous Material Awareness

C.E.R.T. Teams have assisted the County and Municipalities during emergent events, scheduled events and exercises throughout Ocean County. The teams have also participated in various ongoing in-service training courses to further their knowledge and skills in preparedness for response.

For more information contact: <https://sheriff.co.ocean.nj.us/frmCert>