

## **From the Office of Emergency Management:**

Thank you for your interest in the Ellington Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). CERT is supported by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). (For more info visit: <https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> or <http://www.ct.gov/demhs/site/default.asp> )

**CERT** will be called upon to act in the event of a disaster or as needed to help mitigate an event that requires manpower above and beyond what the certified first responders are capable of providing.

We Established our CERT in 2008. In 2009 graduated 19 people from the basic 24 hour CERT training class. Our group is currently active assisting the North Central Health District with the H1N1 flu clinics. We meet monthly usually at the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Building, 41 Maple Street, Ellington on the third Thursday at 6:30 PM (1830 hours).

Ellington CERT presently is actively practicing Ham Radio Emergency Communications on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM (1900 hours) starting with the Soapstone repeater freq. 147.000. We have sent members to technician level ham radio classes and they have tested and acquired their licenses.

Ellington CERT sponsors C.P.R. and A.E.D. classes for our members and their eligible family

Members attending the basic CERT class will be trained in emergency first aid, putting out small fires, learn how to be prepared for disasters. You will also learn how to deal with disasters in your neighborhood, whether manmade or natural.

Ellington CERT sponsor's other classes such as *Working with persons with disabilities in an emergency, CERT Weekend which has a variety of related classes to choose from, Traffic Control School, American Red Cross shelter Operations, and Animal Rescue Operations.*

Since its inception, Ellington CERT has grown into a community-oriented learning environment that continues to foster team learning and preparedness. We welcome anyone with the motivation to help the community weather it be to help in the planning stages or in the field during a disaster or other community assistance.

We require the prospective member to submit to a background check with our local Police Department and be willing and able to attend the 24 hour basic class which is paid for by FEMA and DEMHS as are most of the classes listed above.

Thank you for your time and your willingness to give back to the community.

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