



C.E.R.T

(Community Emergency Response Team)

Winter Training Session

February 28- March 18, 2023

West Pierce Fire & Rescue invites citizens who live or work in the Lakewood and University Place area to attend our next session of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes. Aimed at preparing groups of citizens in our community to prepare for and respond to disasters, the classes will follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and offered in cities across the United States. The idea behind this model is to teach people in neighborhoods how to help each other in the first few minutes or hours following a disaster – before emergency responders are able to get to them to render professional help. In the classes, students will gain hands-on skills such as how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, and perform light search and rescue.

The series of six classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, from 6:00 – 9:00pm, and will culminate in a practical exercise to be held on a Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Classes will be held at Fire District locations – see location notes below for each class. Instructors will be uniformed firefighters with special experience in the particular area, or subject matter experts from other areas. The classes are **free!**

Tuesday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Thursday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
February 28 Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	March 2 Fire Safety <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	
March 7 Disaster Medical 1 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	March 9 Disaster Medical 2 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	
March 14 Light Search & Rescue <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	March 16 CERT Organization & CERT Psychology <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	March 18 EXERCISE <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>

We will accept up to 25 students in this series of classes. There is no prerequisite, other than a desire to learn and help others. It is important that if you enroll, you be available to attend all sessions to receive the CERT certificate. To enroll, contact West Pierce Fire & Rescue at (253) 983-4580 or cert@westpierce.org.