



The Truro Police and Fire Departments are fortunate enough to be served by a dedicated group of volunteers called CERT members. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

CERT groups are volunteers trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Participants learn about how to prepare for hazards that may affect their communities; and they are trained in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Training includes classroom instruction and hands-on activities and exercises. Once trained, communities can ask trained CERT volunteers to support local response and recovery efforts. In between disasters, CERT volunteers can also stay engaged and help their communities by organizing or participating in drills and exercises and organizing or supporting other community events, such as fairs and festivals. CERT volunteers can also participate in or develop emergency preparedness projects to help educate others in their communities.

The team is seeking interested members to train and become certified as team members. Please contact Chief Kyle Takakjian at 508-487-8730 or [Takakjian@truopolice.org](mailto:Takakjian@truopolice.org) for further information.