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Join us as we build a more resilient community ready for just about any emergency. Volunteers must be age 18 or older. To become a volunteer or learn more, visit HaysCountyCERT.com

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Community volunteers and emergency services officials teamed up to improve our ability to meet any emergency throughout Hays County. The result was the Hays County Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.

Sponsored by the Hays County Office of Emergency Services (OES), CERT is organized into four divisions serving each section of the county. A component of the Department of Homeland Security, CERT began in Hays County in February 2003 and now has more than 300 members.

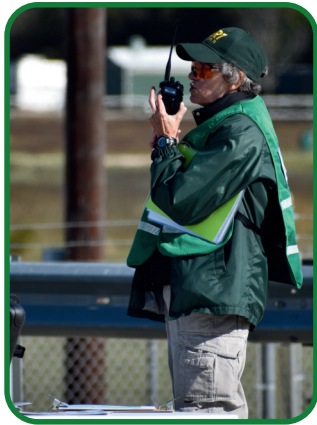
About CERT

The CERT program educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, including floods, hurricanes, wildfires, active shooters, major disasters and more.

CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills: fire safety, light search and rescue, first aid, disaster medical operations, team organization and providing emergency response to victims.

Using their training, CERT members can assist their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional first responders are not immediately available.

CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community,



**JOIN US TODAY AND HELP
BUILD A STRONGER, MORE
RESILIENT COMMUNITY!**

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Mission Statement

To support first responders and provide leadership/coordination for volunteers, post-emergency assistance to victims along with information and training on disaster preparedness.

What CERT Does

CERT Supports:

- Emergency Services including fire departments, EMS, and law enforcement agencies throughout the county
- Hays County Office of Emergency Services
- Local municipalities
- State and federal agencies

CERT's Non-Disaster Roles:

- Traffic and crowd control management
- First-aid
- Donations Management
- Assistance for vulnerable populations (e.g., those who may need special assistance)

Public Outreach and Education

Find us at events such as:

- Buda Weiner Dog Races
- Dripping Springs Founders Day
- Hays County Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Kyle Pie in the Sky
- Various Community Parades
- Wheels Up at San Marcos Airport
- Wimberley Market Days

**"Failing to prepare is preparing to fail."
- Benjamin Franklin**