



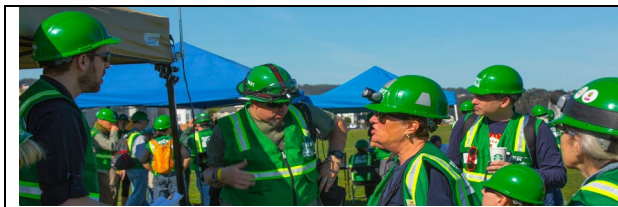
## Taking Applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Members

**What is CERT?**- The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a federal program that educates and equips volunteers for disaster preparedness and the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

**When is the training?**- Initial in-person training will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm at the Emergency Operations Center, 1721 N Von Minden Rd, La Grange, TX 78945. Before the in-person training, candidates must complete the online FEMA independent study course IS-317 found at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317.a>

**Who is the ideal candidate?**- Honest, reliable, and hardworking volunteers that are eager to serve the community during planned and unplanned events are encouraged to apply. Anyone 18+ who has a passion for the community and time to help others would be an asset to our team. If a candidate has a special skill set such as being multi-lingual, a technical expert, medically trained, or former military or first responder, please let us know.

**What equipment is needed?**- we will provide each candidate with a “go-bag” backpack full of useful tools, vests, hard-hats, and first aid equipment. CERT members will be easily identifiable in the trademark green color. In addition to the contents of the backpack, members will want to customize the go-bag to their particular needs.



Please fill out the attached application and email to [angela.hahn@co.fayette.tx.us](mailto:angela.hahn@co.fayette.tx.us)

Additional questions can be emailed to [craig.moreau@co.fayette.tx.us](mailto:craig.moreau@co.fayette.tx.us)



# Fayette County Application for Community Emergency Response Team



Full Name

Address

Street

City

Zip Code

Date of Birth

Contact Information

Phone Number

Email

Interest in Becoming a CERT Team member

Special Skills

Have You Ever Been Charged and/or Convicted of a Class B or Class A Misdemeanor?    Yes                      No

Have You Ever Been Charged and/or Convicted of a Felony?    Yes                      No

Will You Consent to a Background Check?    Yes                      No