



C.E.R.T

(Community Emergency Response Team)

Fall Training Session

September 17-October 5, 2024



West Pierce Fire & Rescue invites citizens who live or work in the Lakewood, Steilacoom, and University Place areas 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 can get to them to render professional help. In the classes, students will gain hands-on skills such as putting out small fires, rendering first aid in a disaster, and performing light search and rescue.

The series of six classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., culminating in a practical exercise on a Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. 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 |
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| September 17 Disaster Preparedness <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i> | September 19 Fire Safety <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i> | |
| September 24 Disaster Medical 1 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i> | September 26 Disaster Medical 2 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i> | |
| October 1 Light Search & Rescue <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i> | October 3 CERT Organization & CERT Psychology <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i> | October 5 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. If you enroll, you must be available to attend all sessions to receive the CERT certificate. To enroll, contact West Pierce Fire & Rescue at CERT@westpierce.org