



C.E.R.T

(Community Emergency Response Team)
Winter Training Session
March 4-March 22 2025



West Pierce Fire & Rescue invites citizens who live or work in the Lakewood, University Place, and Steilacoom 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 – 9:00 pm, and will culminate in a practical exercise to be held on a Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. 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 – 9:00 pm	Thursday evening, 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
March 4 Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i>	March 6 Fire Safety <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	
March 11 Disaster Medical 1 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i>	March 13 Disaster Medical 2 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i>	
March 18 Light Search & Rescue <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW</i>	March 20 CERT Organization & CERT Psychology <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW</i>	March 22 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 cert@westpierce.org.