

**WE NEED YOU!**



**BE PREPARED. BE READY. BE TRAINED.**



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# ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY Community Emergency Response Team



## PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER BE THE CALM IN THE STORM

*During a major incident, first responders may not be able to reach everyone right away.*

### Support Your Community

Immerse yourself in the world of community-based support and gain a better understanding of how you can protect yourself, your loved ones, and your whole community!

By joining the Androscoggin County CERT, you will gain the skills and confidence to support emergency response efforts, while protecting lives, property, and the environment.

### Learn Life-Saving Skills

The Community Emergency Response Team training program will prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster.



## CERT Then and Now

**THEN:** The first CERT program was developed in 1985, when the Los Angeles City Fire Department realized how easily they could be overwhelmed in the wake of natural disasters, began training community members in basic emergency response. CERT became a national program in 1993.

**NOW:** Today, there are over 3,000 CERTs across the United States, and each CERT is unique to its own community! Together, CERT programs nationwide support the national preparedness initiative.



## Hazards Close to Home

**Natural Hazards:** Ice-jams, flooding, severe winter weather, heatwaves, pandemics, etc.

### Technological, Man-Made Hazards:

Transportation incidents, critical infrastructure failure, HAZMAT release, cyber-attacks, etc.



## How You Can Help

The Community Emergency Response Team training program educates volunteers on hazards that may occur where they live, safety measures, and the role(s) of a volunteer in disaster response.

The CERT training program will teach volunteers:

- Team Organization and Accountability
- Basic Fire Safety
- Light Search and Rescue Skills

