

*I am interested . . .
and would like to be considered for
placement in a Mahaska County
CERT class.*

Name

Phone

Cell

Home Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail Address

Best times for classes are:

- M - F daytime
- M - F evening
- Weekends (daytime)

Please mark one:

- I have experience in emergency preparedness.
- I have NO experience in emergency preparedness.

Mail to:

*Emergency Management Agency
214 High Ave East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577*

Or:

Tel: (641) 672-1209
Fax: (641) 673-2588
Email: ema@mahaskacounty.org
www.mahaskaready.com

Mahaska County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Mahaska County CERT organization is a pool of volunteers who have joined together and have been educated about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the area they live in. They have been trained in basic disaster response skills and are able to give support to the emergency response agencies in their area. CERT volunteers are trained to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors, and co-workers until help arrives.



**Mahaska County Emergency
Management Agency**

**Jamey Robinson Coordinator/
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214 High Ave East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577**



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Emergencies or disasters

can strike at any time. Those who are trained and prepared can be the difference between life and death; those who are not can only stand by helplessly and watch. Be one of those who makes a difference, someone prepared and willing to help our country face threats that are all too real today.

Do the right thing, for your family, for your community!

Will you be ready?

Programs & Partners

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities.

When emergencies happen, CERT members can

- (a) give critical support to first responders,
- (b) provide immediate assistance to victims, and
- (c) organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The county invites residents to participate in "Community Emergency Response Training". The CERT program teaches people the skills required to get through the first, critical 72 hours following an emergency.

CERT training requires a serious commitment. The training includes:

- Recognition of the types of hazards most likely to affect the community
- Disaster preparedness
- Basic fire suppression
- Basic emergency medical; triage and treatment of common injuries
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster psychology
- Terrorism



Over 95% of the time, a citizen is the first one to respond to an emergency before a professional responder can arrive. Knowing what to do in a time of emergency can help save a person's life.

Mahaska County CERT volunteers consist of 3 different levels of involvement. Please choose the level you prefer.

___ *Level I = 20 hours of CERT training.*

Interested in taking training to help my family and neighbors and not interested in on-going training or being part of any response team beyond the neighborhood.

___ *Level II = 20 hours of CERT training.*

Attend CERT meetings when able. May or may not be interested in helping with shelters, answering phones, etc., or other community related response/service activities.

___ *Level III = 20 hours of CERT training.*

Attend 75% of CERT meetings, training exercises and activations.

Requirements:

- CPR Training
- First Aid Training
- ICS Training
- Hazmat Awareness

Must participate in/observe a county-wide disaster exercise every three years.

Also, respond to large/county-wide disaster response under leadership of CERTeam/ Emergency Management Coordinator.

Your involvement with one of the CERT levels is greatly appreciated.