

How do I take VCERT training?

Taking VCERT training is easy, fun and a great way for your business or neighborhood to strengthen working and personal relationships that will be vital in responding to an emergency. VCERT training is free and is accomplished in as little as 20-hours culminating with a final disaster simulation exercise applying the skills participants have learned. Training is broken up into six (6) sessions:

- VCERT & Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology
- Fire Safety & Light Search/Rescue
- Emergency Medical Operations
- Terrorism
- Disaster Simulation Exercise

VCERT training is offered throughout the year in Vacaville to allow participants to complete the course at their convenience. Businesses and large groups interested in sending blocks of participants through can elect to schedule training at their location or at Vacaville Police Department over a period of time to alleviate the impact on their normal operations. For VCERT information or to schedule training for your group, please contact Crime Prevention at 707.449.5432.

Become a VCERT Volunteer!

For more information contact:
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Vacaville, CA 95688
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TTY: 707.449.5162

VACAVILLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

A collaborative effort between the
City of Vacaville's Fire and Police Departments
and the community

The mission of the VCERT is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters.

Donations Accepted

While there is no charge for the training, there are costs involved. If you would like to donate, as an individual or as a business, please call Lt. Courtemanche -
(707)449.5211.

Donations will be used to sponsor training & for purchasing supplies.



A collaborative effort to
ensure safety & livability in
Vacaville



Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services of gas, water, electricity or telephones were cut off? Local officials and emergency responders will be on scene after the disaster, but they may not reach everyone right away.

Residents who are prepared in advance can work as a team and provide essential services to their family, neighborhood and workplace in the event of a disaster. By training as a Vacaville Community Emergency Response Team member (VCERT), you can play a vital role in the City's disaster recovery efforts.



What is VCERT?

The Vacaville Community Emergency Response Team Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the Vacaville area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, flood safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. After classroom and simulation-based education, VCERT members will be able to assist others in the neighborhood or workplace immediately following an event when emergency responders may not be immediately available to help.



Who can take the training?

Anyone over 18 can participate. Ideal candidates for the training are neighborhood watch groups, Vacaville organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose. People may sign up as individuals and do not have to be part of a group.



How does VCERT benefit our community?

A success story comes from events during wildfires in Florida. The Edgewater CERT helped emergency management and the Fire Department personnel by assisting with evacuation, handling donations, preparing food for those displaced and performing other services

to allow emergency responders to stay on-scene where their skills were best utilized. This is a great example of personnel working together for the benefit of the community.



What if I have concerns about my age or physical ability?

There are many jobs within VCERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, VCERT members will be needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster, volunteer-related team activities include keeping databases, website development, newsletters, planning activities, and outreach efforts to the elderly.