

Community Preparedness Program Overview

Public Safety Committee September 9, 2024

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National Preparedness Month

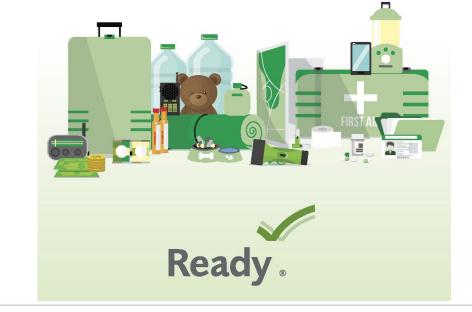


 Sponsored by FEMA within the Department of Homeland Security

 Recognized each September since 2004 to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the

year

 The 2024 theme is "Start a Conversation"





Community Preparedness Programs



- Community Emergency Response Team
- Community Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Emergency Financial Empowerment
- 2024 Preparedness Fair



Community Emergency Response Team



- CERT is celebrating 17 years of service to the City of Dallas and over 5,000 residents have received training
- Classes are offered quarterly, including one Spanish class annually
- The 20-hour CERT class includes basic emergency response skills
- Advanced training opportunities include amateur radio communications, CPR, search & rescue, and more





CERT Activations



- CERT volunteers serve at community events and disaster activations and are available to support other city departments as needed
 - Sheltering

 - Public Safety Exercises
 Resident Resource

- Damage Assessment
- Vaccine Operations
 Ransomware Response
 - Centers





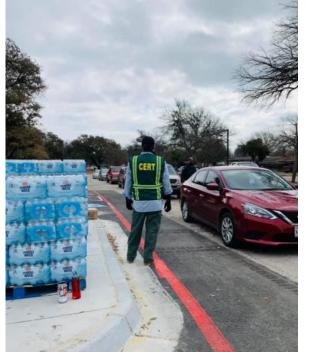
Community Partnerships



 Our Community Partners program brings local businesses and agencies together to build relationships before disasters to enhance our ability to respond when incidents

occur









Community Engagement



- Disaster preparedness presentations are available upon request to educate businesses, community groups, and faithbased organizations
- Public education at community events





Emergency Financial Empowerment



- One of five cities to receive the first Emergency Financial Empowerment grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment
- Briefed to Public Safety Committee on Aug. 27
- Approved by City Council on Aug. 28



Next Steps



City of Dallas Preparedness Fair Sept. 21
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at UNT Dallas

 Next CERT class starts Nov. 9; register at dallascert.com





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