

San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team



About NERT

The San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a disaster preparedness organization sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD). NERT is the ONLY program in San Francisco that offers free, hands-on basic and advanced preparedness training to those who live and work in the city, and provides an organizing framework for neighborhood teams in the city's neighborhoods. Teams gather after a disaster to survey their neighborhoods, provide information to the SFFD, conduct light search and rescue and medical triage, and help transport victims to medical treatment facilities.

Who Joins NERT?

A typical NERT volunteer is not one type. The NERT volunteer is someone who is usually active and involved in the community--or wants to be. NERT teams are best formed in neighborhoods through a partnership with existing community groups such as a Neighborhood Watch program, Rotary Club, business group, faith-based group or homeowners association. Together with their neighbors, team members and co-workers, they build a NERT network within their own community, teaming with the San Francisco Fire Department. All residents can benefit from NERT training. NERT connects volunteers with a network of fellow volunteers all working together for a common cause. NERT members are trained citizen first-responders who can help save lives.

More information on upcoming training can be found on the NERT website www.sfgov.org/sfnert or by calling 415-970-2022.

Background

Since 1990, the NERT program has trained more than 25,200 citizens to be self-sufficient in a major disaster. Through this program, individuals also learn hands-on disaster skills that help them act as members of a neighborhood emergency response team.

The San Francisco Fire Department makes NERT training available for free to people who live or work in San Francisco. NERT classes are taught by professional first responders of the San Francisco Fire Department.

NERT is a registered, FEMA-compliant, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. President Obama called upon Congress to pass legislation 'to encourage a renewed spirit of national service for this and future generations.' Consistent with the Serve America Act, the NERT program embodies the Volunteer spirit and the success of building a community that will be more disaster resilient. NERTs are registered with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services as Disaster Service Worker Volunteers.



