

WHO WE ARE

BACKGROUND

An organized group prepared to respond to an emergency made up of members of our community. Through formal training, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) have the ability to help save lives and protect our community while assisting local emergency responders.

LOCAL RESPONSE

- Search and rescue
- First Aid Stations
- Traffic Control
- Damage Assessment
- Evacuation
- Emergency Shelter
- Volunteer at disaster sites
- General Emergency Management duties

GOALS

Promote emergency preparedness and provide incident safety, traffic control, and communication in urgent events.



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NEWAYGO COUNTY

EMERGENCY SERVICES

HOW TO JOIN OUR TEAM

REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers must be at least 16 years old and have a desire to help our community

APPLICATION

All interested volunteers should complete the following volunteer application. This is available by contacting the Newaygo County Emergency Services Department or online at: www.newaygocountymi.gov



← **Direct link to Application**

BACKGROUND CHECK

All volunteers must pass a background check in accordance with the Region 6 Background Check Policy

TRAINING

All volunteers must complete a CERT 20-hour basic training and 10 hours of independent online study training through FEMA

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

In order to be authorized to respond to an emergency, team members must maintain an active membership by regularly participate in team activities, trainings, preparedness booths, community events and deployments,



WHY JOIN?

CERT and MRC team member Steve Johnson had this to say about being a part of the MRC team: Numerous skills that are useful to the team, as well as me (traffic control/safety, first aid, basic life support, basic search/rescue/recovery, using GPS, etc.). I've also been able - after completing numerous online and in-person FEMA basic training - being able to access some incredible resident FEMA-sponsored programs that are 3-5 days long and involve travel out of state to places like the Center for Disaster Preparedness, New Mexico Tech Energetic Materials Testing/Research and the Nevada National Security Site for advanced training experiences.

TOP 10 REASONS

- Gain valuable training, skills, experience
- strengthen your resume
- Learn what to do during an emergency
- Make a difference in your community
- Help people in their time of need
- Join a family of volunteers
- Connect with your community members
- Build new relationships and have fun
- Help strengthen emergency preparedness
- Contribute to causes you care about

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES

The CERT and MRC Teams have built a strong partnership with local emergency first responders and community leaders. During community events, the CERT and MRC Team has helped provide incident safety, traffic control, medical first aid, and communications.

Here's what they have to say:

"The team has proven valuable to the Fire Services of Newaygo County in multiple facets. They have been utilized on several incident scenes and high-profile training and events promoting community involvement and safety. Their willingness to support the activities of emergency services in Newaygo County will continue to be a valuable asset in the future."

- **Jason Wolford, Deputy Chief
Newaygo Fire Department**



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