# Community Emergency Response Team







Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate FEMA

citizen corps

### CERT

 A neighborhood, workplace, or school team trained by emergency service professionals to take for themselves, loved ones and others following a major disaster when professional responders are overwhelmed or delayed in meeting immediate needs.



# **Training Features**

 20 hours of instruction and hands-on training Disaster Preparedness Fire Safety Medical Operations Disaster Psychology Light Search and Rescue Team Organization > Terrorism Awareness > Final Exercise

### **Benefits of CERT**

- Involved community members
- Empowered to help others in their immediate area
- Know and trusted supplementary workforce to assist professional responders in disasters
- Potential volunteer resource for preparedness projects and exercises



## **CERT** Today

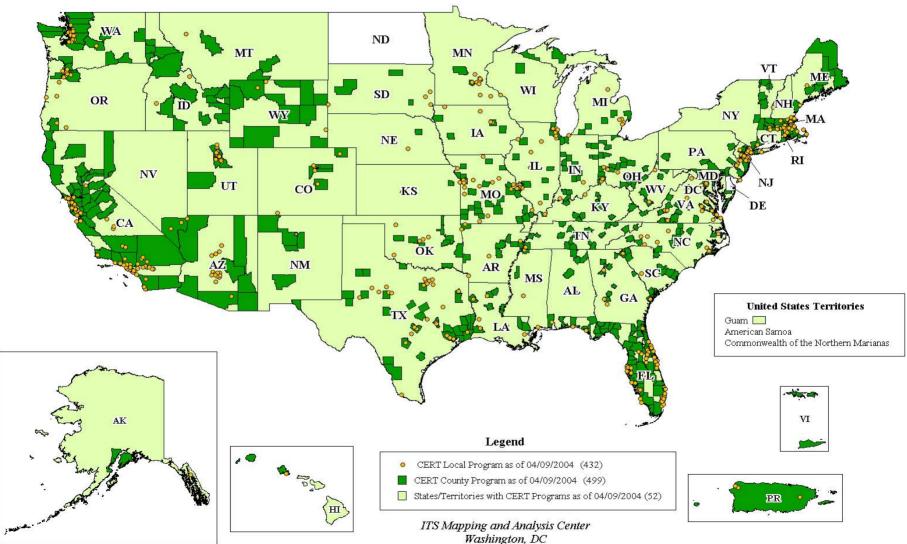
- 1259 listings on CERT Directory http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/
- Approximately 50,000 reported completions since January 2002
  - > Over 1,000,000 hours of basic training delivered
  - CERT Independent Study







#### **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**



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