


# Chair Report - CERT September 20, 2022

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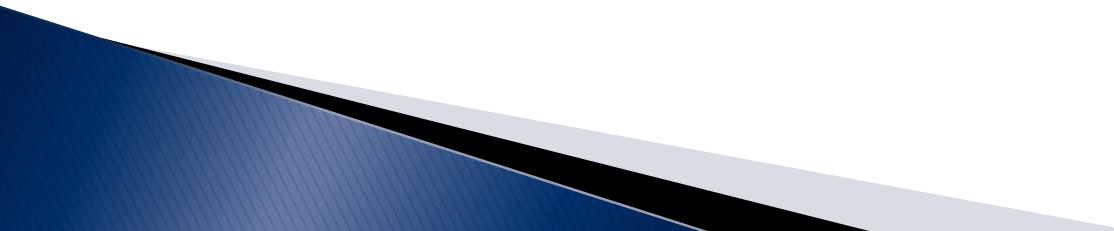
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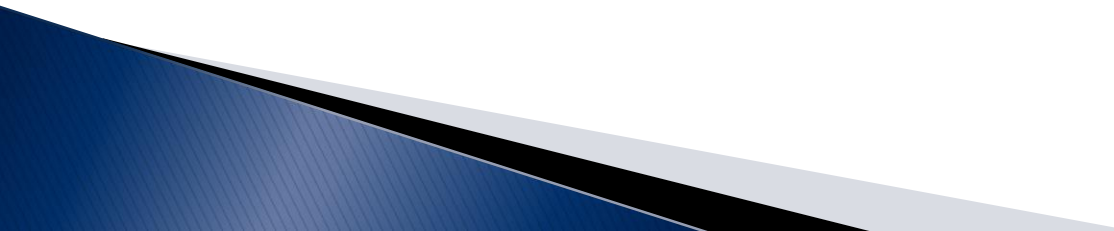
# What is CERT?

- ▶ CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team
  - ▶ Since 1993, CERT programs have prepared communities in basic disaster response skills to stay safe and save lives during disasters.
  - ▶ Nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that community members and professional responders can rely on during emergencies
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# What do they do?

- ▶ CERT teams perform basic response activities like checking in on neighbors, distributing information, and helping to manage traffic before, during, and after disasters.
  - ▶ Their work frees up first responders to focus on more complex and/or dangerous efforts.
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# Non-Disaster Opportunities

- ▶ Identifying and helping neighbors/coworkers that need assistance
  - ▶ Distribute preparedness materials
  - ▶ Staff first aid booths
  - ▶ Assist with installation of smoke alarms
  - ▶ Parade route management
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# CERT Trained

