

## How do I participate in VCERT training?

Taking VCERT training is easy, fun and a great way for your business or neighborhood to strengthen working and personal relationships that will be vital in responding to an emergency. VCERT training is FREE and is accomplished in as little as 20-hours culminating with a final disaster simulation exercise. Training is broken up into six (6) sessions:

- VCERT & Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology
- Fire Safety & Light Search/Rescue
- Emergency Medical Operations
- Terrorism
- Disaster Simulation Exercise

Training is offered several times a year. Interested Businesses and large groups may schedule training at their location. For additional information or to schedule your group training, please contact the VCERT Coordinator at 707.449.5471.



## Become a VCERT Volunteer!

For more information contact:

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Fire Department  
650 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

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## Vacaville Community Emergency Response Team

The mission of the VCERT is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters.

## Donations Accepted

While there is no charge for the training, costs are involved. If you would like to donate, as an individual or a business, please call Vacaville Fire Department, 707.449.5471. Donations will be used to sponsor training and purchase supplies.

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A collaborative effort  
to ensure safety &  
livability in Vacaville



# Disaster can strike quickly and without warning.

Disaster can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services of gas, water, electricity or telephones were cut off? Local officials and emergency responders will be on scene after the disaster, but they may not reach everyone right away.

Residents who have prepared in advance

can work as a team and provide essential services to their family, neighborhood and workplace in the event of a disaster. By training as a Vacaville Community Emergency Response Team member (**VCERT**), you can play a vital role in the City's disaster recovery efforts.



## What is VCERT?

The Vacaville Community Emergency Response Team Program educates people about disaster preparedness. Vacaville residents are trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, flood safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. After Certification, **VCERT** members will be able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace immediately following an event when emergency responders may not be immediately available to help.

## Who can take the training?

Any Vacaville resident over the age of 18 can participate. Ideal candidates are neighborhood watch groups, Vacaville organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose. People may sign up as individuals and do not have to be part of a group.

## How does VCERT benefit our community?

A success story comes from events during wildfires in Florida. The Edgewater **CERT** helped emergency management and the Fire Department personnel by assisting with evacuation, handling donations, preparing food for those displaced and performing other services to allow emergency responders to stay on scene where their skills were best utilized. This is a great example of personnel working together for the benefit of the community.



## I have concerns about my age and/or physical ability

There are many jobs within **VCERT** for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, **VCERT** members will be needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster, volunteer-related team activities include keeping databases, newsletters, planning activities, and outreach efforts to the elderly.