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## Emergency Management

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### Lake County CERT Team Information

**Mission:** Lake County CERT supports a resilient community response to natural and man-made emergencies and disasters through education, training, response and recovery.

**Objectives:** May include support of planned events, traffic control, and volunteer and donations management, emergency and disaster response, and other activities as requested by the Lake County Emergency Management Director.

**Eligibility requirements:** Lake County CERT team members must meet the following qualifications:

- be at least 18 years of age (16 for Cadet program)
- live within a 30 minute response time to Lake County
- have completed a CERT classroom or online (IS-317) course
- complete FEMA Independent Study courses IS 100, 200, 700
- give permission for and pass a background check with the MN BCA
- be registered on the Lake County CodeRED call-out system

Cadet members must be at least 16 years of age, with parental permission and parental acceptance of responsibility at all times. This means an adult would be available to supervise if called upon any time the cadet member is active.

**Participation requirements:** Lake County CERT members are expected to participate in the following events each year:

- 1 planning meeting
- 1 training exercise
- 1 planned event or public education activity
- Emergency call-outs as available

**Deployment:** Lake County CERT team members may be called out by the County Emergency Manager, Sheriff or County Administrator, by CodeRED or other notification methods as available. They will operate within the National Incident Management System (NIMS), under the direction of the Incident Commander, EOC Manager or their designee in the Incident Command structure.