

### **Join Somers CERT!**

Have you thought about helping your community but don't know where to start? Are you looking to become more prepared for emergencies?Are you interested in learning more about hazards that are most likely to affect your home, church, workplace, or neighborhood?

### What is a CERT, and what do they do?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. CERT allows you to meet new people and become an asset to your community. In addition, you will learn new skills that prove beneficial in emergencies and everyday life.

### Where do I start?

To become a CERT member, you must pass the CERT Basic Training. Don't worry, there's no big exam and as a team we will continue to train and build your personal skills.

## When and where is the next basic training?

The next Somers CERT Basic Training is on Saturday, March 18th, and Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hope Springs Church located on 78 East Street Stafford, CT.

Saturday will begin at 8am until 5pm.

Sunday will start at 12 noon until completed (4-5pm).

Refreshments and lunch are provided on both days.

# I want to get involved; how do I sign up?

Scan the code below with your cell phone's camera and fill out the simple form to be registered for the next class!

Once you complete the registration, the instructor will be in contact with the registrants with more information. If you have any questions about the course or need to make arrangements for a portion of the class you may miss, please reach out to us at 860-358-0024.

