



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services**  
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### **Community Emergency Response Team Offers Teen CERT Course**

**PASO ROBLES, CA** – Paso Robles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering a 24 hour disaster preparedness course for teens, ages 15 to 19. Classes will be offered at Centennial Park, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles, California 93446, on Tuesday July 8, Wednesday July 9, Thursday July 10, and Friday July 11, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The final class will be offered at Paso Robles Fire Station 3, 2924 Union Road, Paso Robles, California 93446 on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Students who complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion and a Teen CERT pack, containing essential response equipment, including a helmet, vest, gloves, and eye safety protection. Cost of the course is \$50.00. To register for the Teen CERT course, email John Spooner, Training Coordinator, at [NorthSLOCountyCERT@gmail.com](mailto:NorthSLOCountyCERT@gmail.com) and indicate that you would like to register for the course. After you register, you will receive additional information about the class. If you have any questions you may call 805 588-2172.

It takes about 24 hours to complete the Teen CERT training. But the critical skills learned will last an entire life. During the training, students will learn to: put out small fires, conduct light search and rescue, assist those who are injured, set up medical treatment areas, assist emergency responders, identify and anticipate hazards, reduce fire hazards in the home and school, and help reduce survivor stress. During an emergency, a Teen CERT member could: organize volunteers, assist in evacuations, give assistance to survivors, provide damage assessment information, provide shelter support, and assist with crowd management.

Teen CERT volunteers can also help in their schools year-round. A Teen CERT volunteer could: participate in disaster drills and exercises, present fire safety education, assist in preparedness outreach, provide peer mentoring, and address safety issues in the school.

After a disaster, first responders will be needed everywhere. In the chaotic aftermath of an emergency, who could help until first responders arrive? Who could be the first person on-scene to step up? The answer: You. Joining Teen CERT teaches you how to respond when others look to you for help. And trained Teen CERT responders are knowledgeable and confident in the face of disaster.



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