

DICKINSON COUNTY C.E.R.T.

PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. YOU ARE NOT A POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER OR PARAMEDIC. You are trained to function as an extension of the fire-rescue, EMS and Police departments' response to catastrophic disasters when such circumstances exist or when directed by emergency services officials.

2. YOU ARE FORBIDDEN TO CARRY GUNS, OR OTHER WEAPONS.

You have been trained for immediate disaster response and there is no need, place or legal authorization for you to carry or use any of the above. To do so will jeopardize your own safety and the continued existence of the CERT program in Dickinson County.

3. YOUR FIRST RESPONSIBILITY IS TO YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

When disaster occurs your first responsibility is to ensure your own safety and the safety of your family. You should not venture out on your own to start search & rescue operations without your team members.

4. CONTACT YOUR CERT LEADER.

If a disaster occurs such as a hurricane, tornado, plane crash, etc. After ensuring that you and your family are safe, you should assemble with your CERT leader and group for additional instructions and direction. Your CERT leader is your point of contact for the emergency services. Do not attempt to contact the police or fire department directly unless a life-threatening emergency exists.

5. IF YOU CANNOT REACH YOUR CERT LEADER.

If unable to contact the CERT leader due to downed phone lines, power off, etc. you should respond to your pre-designated rally point for your neighborhood CERT. Do this only when you're sure it is safe to do so. Do not leave a place of safety during a storm.

6. BRING ALL OF YOUR ISSUED CERT GEAR.

When functioning as a member of a Dickinson County CERT team you should always have your issued CERT equipment with you and display your CERT identification card on the outside of your clothing.

7. STAY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF YOUR TRAINING.

You have been trained under the curriculum of ODP'S Community Emergency Response Team program. Please confine your actions to those guidelines and stay within the scope of your training and certification.

8. STAY WITHIN YOUR LIMITATIONS.

You must confine your actions to your physical and resource limitations when responding as a member of a CERT. Such limitations may be determined by, but not limited to, equipment available, physical abilities, knowledge, authority, hazards, etc.