



Legislation Text

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Resolution - A Resolution of the City of Mansfield Authorizing the City Manager and the Police Department to Apply, Receive and Expend Grant Funds from State Farm Insurance Group for Support of the Mansfield Police Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); the Total Grant Award will not Exceed \$15,000 with no Match Required from the City

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates individuals about disaster preparedness for 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.

Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT volunteers are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985 by recognizing that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Building on the development of the training model used by the LAFD, in 1994 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expanded the CERT materials to make them applicable to all hazards and made the program available to communities nationwide.

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