## **Columbiana County Community Emergency Response Team-CERT**



## Why CERT?

In 1985, The City of Los Angeles Fire Department developed a pilot program to train a group of leaders in a neighborhood watch organization. A concept developed involving multi-functional volunteer response teams with the ability to perform basic fire suppression, light search and rescue, and first aid. This first team of 30 people completed training in early 1986 and proved that the concept was viable through various drills, demonstrations, and exercises.

Today, there are CERTs in 50 states, three US territories and six foreign countries.

## **Columbiana County CERT**

In Columbiana County, we work under the Emergency Management Agency (EMA). We do not self-deploy for emergencies; instead, we make sure that our own families and neighborhoods are safe and deploy when called out by the EMA. We train monthly on a wide range of topics and offer classes for new members twice a year.

Our members are your neighbors - men and women from various backgrounds and with a broad range of personal and professional skills. They are all dedicated to make Columbiana County better for all of us.

Want to learn more? Visit our website <a href="https://www.colcocert.org/">https://www.colcocert.org/</a> for additional information on how you can become involved in your community safety!