

YES!

I want to make a difference by becoming a **CERV Middlesex** volunteer in 2013.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check:

I am at least 21 years of age, have a valid Ontario Driver's License and use of a vehicle:

Yes

I am a resident of a Middlesex County community: Yes

I agree to provide a criminal record check with vulnerable sector query: Yes

I want to better prepare myself and my family for emergencies: Yes

I am willing to make a three-year volunteer commitment to assist in emergencies anywhere in Middlesex County: Yes

Thank you for your interest in the CERV Middlesex Program. The deadline for applications for the 2013 CERV Team is November 30, 2012.

Please fax, mail or e-mail this application form to:

CERV Middlesex Program

Attention: Bettina Weber, CEMC
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CERV Middlesex capitalizes on local volunteers' knowledge of their area, and on the "can-do" spirit and compassion which Ontarians demonstrated during the Ice Storm in 1998, the Blackout in 2003 or the Highway 402 Snow Storm in 2010. By focusing on communities, it allows **CERV** Team Members to best meet local needs and maximize the potential for quick deployment and efficient and organized response in an emergency.

Middlesex County began training **CERV** volunteers in 2007; at the same time, the Middlesex-London Health Unit founded the **CERV MLHU** Team, for volunteers who reside in the City of London.

Well-trained **CERV** Volunteers will be a great help to our County & municipal staff when emergencies strike. **CERV** Team members also help to promote local emergency preparedness and provide assistance at major community events.



What are the requirements of a CERV Middlesex Volunteer?

1. **CERV** Team Members must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid Ontario Driver's License. Access to a vehicle is necessary.
2. **CERV** Team Members must reside in a Middlesex County community.
3. **CERV** Team Members will be interviewed, and agree to undergo a criminal record check with vulnerable sector screening.
4. **CERV** Team Members agree to prepare themselves, their homes and their families for emergencies.
5. **CERV** Team Members are willing to make a three-year commitment to the program, to assist as volunteers anywhere in Middlesex County during emergencies.
6. **CERV** Team Members are asked to attend approximately 80 hours of training in the first year, and 40 hours of training per year during the next two years.
7. **CERV** Team Members understand that training will begin in January 2013, and will take place in various locations within Middlesex County.
8. Although not mandatory, access to e-mail and use of a cell phone is very important for **CERV** Team Members.



CERV Middlesex: MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

CERV Middlesex stands for Community Emergency Response Volunteers, which is a county-wide program to improve safety and security in our communities – large or small, urban or rural.

Operating at the grassroots level, **CERV Middlesex** trains volunteers to help within their own communities by preparing for emergencies based on local risks. **CERV** volunteers meet the challenge when an emergency strikes, be it a flood, a severe storm, a major power failure or another unexpected hazard.

CERV Middlesex volunteer training includes:

- Emergency and disaster response skills
- Volunteer health & safety
- Basic fire safety & prevention
- Emergency First Aid & CPR, including use of a Public Access Defibrillator
- Evacuation Centre operations
- Registration & Inquiry Service training
- Introduction to severe weather
- Personal/family emergency preparedness
- Nonviolent Physical Crisis Intervention
- Safe food handling
- Participation in annual municipal emergency exercises



The **CERV Middlesex** Program will hold interviews in early January 2013, and those volunteers selected for the program will begin training later that month. When Middlesex County recruits new **CERV** volunteers, special skills are not the first priority, just a willingness to learn new skills and meet the challenge when members of our community need help.

**CERV Middlesex Volunteers really do
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

For more information the **CERV Middlesex** Program, please contact:

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