

CERV-MLHU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

CERV is an acronym for Community Emergency Response Volunteers, which is a province-wide program to improve safety and security in Ontario Communities – large or small, urban or rural. The Middlesex-London Health Unit is the first public health unit in Ontario to undertake this program!

Operating at the grassroots level, **CERV-MLHU** trains volunteers to help in their own communities by preparing for emergencies based on local risks and meeting the challenge when an emergency occurs, whether it's a health issue, a flood, a severe storm, a major power failure or other hazard.

CERV-MLHU team member training includes:

- Basic Search and Rescue
- Community emergency management
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Emergency and disaster response skills
- Emergency exercise training
- Emergency first aid and CPR certification
- Fire safety and prevention
- Pandemic planning and infection control
- Personal and family emergency preparedness
- Public awareness and education
- Reception Centre Assistance
- Registration and Inquiry
- Volunteer health and safety

CERV-MLHU provides human resources to municipalities by administering volunteer emergency response. When volunteers for **CERV** are selected, special skills are not necessarily the first priority. A willingness to step up to the challenge when members of the community need help is just as important.

Middlesex County also has trained **CERV** team members. **CERV-MLHU** and the Middlesex team are being cross-trained to better serve the community.

Well-trained **CERV** team members will be a great help to our communities when emergencies strike.



CERV TEAM MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

CERV capitalizes on the awareness and knowledge of local conditions and recognizes the benefits, the “can-do” spirit, and the compassion volunteers bring to the program.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A CERV- MLHU TEAM MEMBER?

1. **CERV** team members must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid Ontario Driver's License.
2. **CERV** Team members must complete the Middlesex-London Health Unit Volunteer Application and Volunteer Agreement forms and provide the names of two references.
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 in Middlesex County and in the city of London 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 take place in various locations within London and Middlesex County.

Yes! I want to make a difference by becoming a **CERV** team member for the Middlesex-London Health Unit in Middlesex County and London.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check:

I am at least 21 years of age and have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence: Yes

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

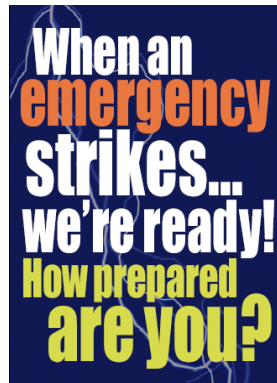
I want to better prepare myself and my family for emergencies: Yes

I am willing to make a three-year volunteer commitment to assist in emergencies in Middlesex County and London. Yes

Thank you for your interest in the CERV Program. Please mail your application to the Middlesex-London Health Unit or fax your application to (519) 663-9413.

**WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES
OUR PART INCLUDES:**

- Emergency health communications
- Disease outbreak management
- Immunization
- Monitoring of water quality
- Food safety
- Home safety
- Pandemic planning
- Hazardous materials
- Air quality
- Family preparedness
- Extreme weather response



For more information on Emergency Preparedness visit:
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