

Training is designed to cover the following:

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Safety

Disaster Medical Operations—
Triage and Treating Life
Threatening Injuries

Disaster Medical Operations—
Assessment, Treatment, and
Hygiene

Light Search and Rescue

Team Organization

Disaster Psychology

Terrorism and CERT

Final Exercise

**Sessions require about 20
hours to complete.**

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*“Training for Local
Community Preparedness”*



*“We will find ways to train and mobilize
more volunteers to help when rescue
and health emergencies arise.”*

President George W. Bush



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About CERT...

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, using the model created by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERTs have been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in

exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

CERT Training will teach participants to:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.

10. Employ basic treatments for various types of wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
14. Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

Target Audience

- Neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Government Agencies
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting Organizations
- School Staff/Students
- Clubs/Organizations

For more information about CERT education & training opportunities, call:

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