

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



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Setting the Stage



- CERTs are able to:
 - Assist emergency services personnel when requested in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) developed by the sponsoring agency and by area of training
 - Assume some of the same functions as emergency services personnel following a disaster
 - Prepare families and communities prior to emergencies and assist neighbors during an emergency when first responders are not immediately available

Course Preview



- Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness
- Unit 2: CERT Organization
- Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
- Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
- Unit 5: Disaster Psychology
- Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations
- Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT
- Unit 9: Final Exam and Exercise



Course Preview

- Time Commitment: @ 30hrs
- 10 Units total
 - Hands on night
 - Final Exam/Exercise
- Open to anyone in the community
- NO COST to participant



CERT Priorities



- Rescuer safety is number one priority
 - Always work with a buddy
 - Always wear safety equipment

CERT Goal:
Do the greatest good for the greatest number



Responsibility of The Public



- Learn about community alerts, warnings, and evacuation routes
- Take training
- Practice skills and personal plans
- Network and help others
- Provide feedback to community
- Report suspicious activity
- Volunteer



CERT Basic Training

Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness

- Describe the functions of CERT, discuss your role as a CERT volunteer, and explain how CERT fits into your community's emergency preparedness structure
- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect your communities and their potential impact on people, health, and infrastructure
- Prepare yourself and your family for potential disasters your community may face, including learning to create a family disaster plan and emergency preparedness kit



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Unit 2: CERT Organization

- Describe the CERT organizational structure
- Explain the Incident Command System (ICS) and how CERT operates within this structure
- Describe the 9-step one-scene size-up process
- Describe how to use CERT standard documents



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Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1

- Identify life-threatening conditions resulting from trauma including severe bleeding, low body temperature, and airway blockage
- Apply correct life saving techniques
- Provide basic first-aid care for non-life threatening injuries

• *Provide greatest good for greatest number*



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Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations – Part 2

- Explain the role of the CERT volunteer during a mass casualty incident
- Describe the functions of disaster medical operations
- Describe how to set up survivor treatment areas
- Perform head-to-toe patient assessments
- Take appropriate sanitation and hygiene measures to protect public health



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Unit 5: Disaster Psychology

- Understand disaster trauma for survivors and rescuers, including CERT volunteers
- List steps to take for personal and team well-being
- Demonstrate key steps to apply when providing aid to someone with survivor's trauma



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Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls

- Explain the role CERTs play in fire safety and response, including the CERT size-up process and minimum safety precautions
- Extinguish a small fire using a fire extinguisher
- Identify and reduce potential fire, utility, and hazardous materials hazards at home and in the community

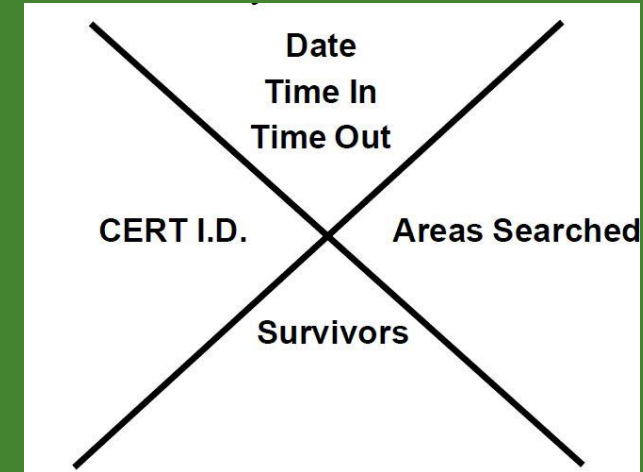


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Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations

- Identify and apply CERT size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations
- Demonstrate common techniques for light search and rescue
- Demonstrate safe techniques for debris removal and survivor extraction during search and rescue operations



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Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT

- Define terrorism
- List the eight signs of terrorism and describe how to report suspicious activity
- Explain the role of a CERT volunteer during a terrorist incident
- Describe activities to prepare for a terrorist incident at home, at work, and in the community



Terrorism: “The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.



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CERT Basic Training

- **Additional training night**
 - This night is set aside to do hands on practice for each of the previous units.
 - Hands on gives the students more confidence and experience to do the task if they are ever called upon.



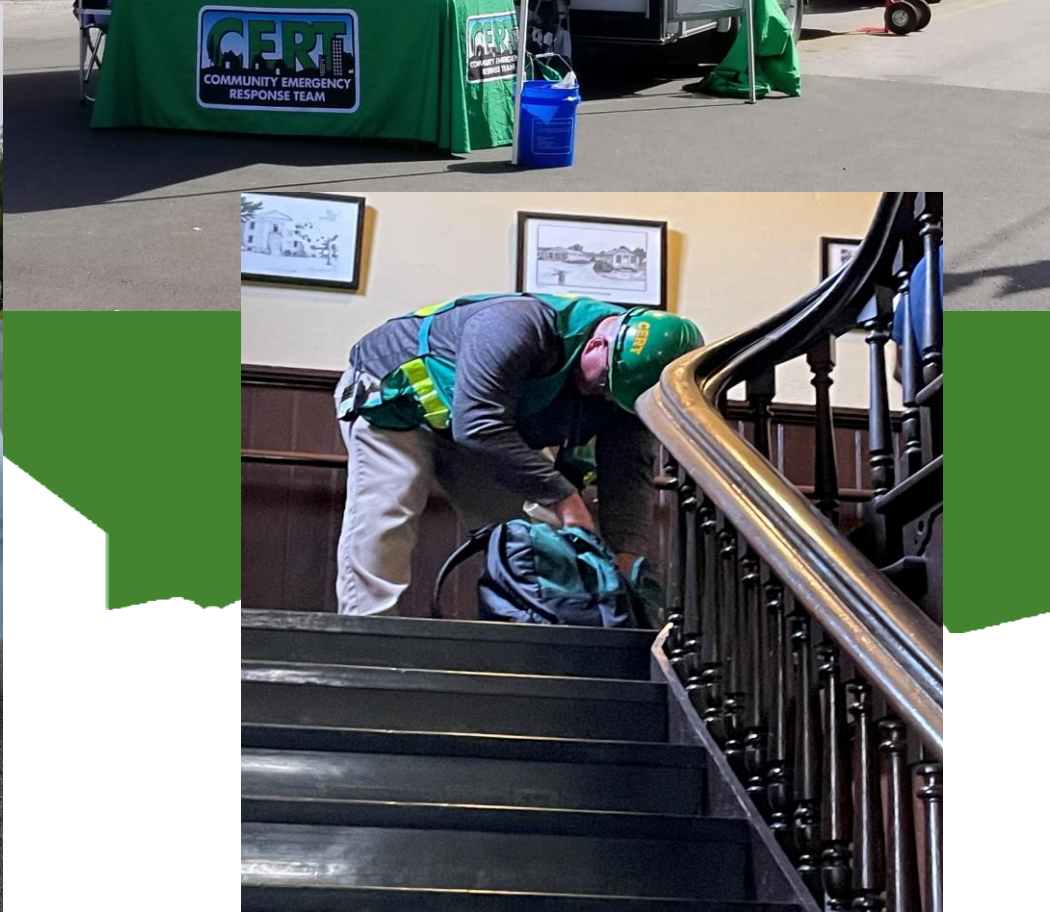
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Final Review, Exam and Exercise

CERT Basic Training Unit 9



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QUESTIONS??



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