



C.E.R.T.

**COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
TEAM TRAINING**



*A 20 Hour
Federally Certified Course
For The Public*

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CERT OVERVIEW

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911.

People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other.

This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. However, 100 people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

If existing emergency services cannot meet the immediate needs following a major disaster, and people will spontaneously volunteer, what can government do to prepare citizens for this eventuality?

First, present citizens the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services.

Second, give the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness.

Third, train them in needed life saving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number...That's what CERT is about.

Fourth, organize teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until fire and medical services arrive.

The **BASIC CERT**

Training Program includes 7 course modules and consists of 20 hours of classroom and hands-on training over a three day period.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The CVEMA CERT Course consists of the following SEVEN MODULES:

MODULE 1 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- Disaster Awareness
- Hazard Mitigation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Terrorism Awareness

MODULE 2 TEAM ORGANIZATION

- Organizing a Response Team
- Incident Command System
- Responding to a Disaster
- Action Planning & Priority Setting

MODULE 3 DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS I

- Triage Principles
- Recognizing & treating life-threatening injuries

MODULE 4 DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS II

- Establishing Treatment Areas
- Treatment Area Management
- Public Health Considerations

MODULE 5 DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION

- Hazardous Materials Safety
- Identifying Fire Hazards
- Fire Suppression Tactics
- Portable Fire Extinguisher Use

MODULE 6 SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS

- Assessing & Sizing-Up Damaged Buildings
- Search & Rescue Priority Setting
- Search & Rescue Tactics

MODULE 7 DISASTER SIMULATION EXERCISE

- Response to a simulated disaster using the CERT structure and tactics learned throughout the course.

COMPLETION OF ALL 7 MODULES IS REQUIRED FOR COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

COOPERATIVE TRAINING

The CVEMA CERT Program is carried out and instructed through a cooperative effort by the:

PALM SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
CATHEDRAL CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
and the
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



Victim removal from a collapsed building

2006 SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE FORMAT

All CVEMA CERT Courses start on Thursday nights and include the following two consecutive Saturdays.

SCHEDULE HOURS

Thursday night: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

1st Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

COURSE LOCATION

Course locations vary throughout the year.

2006 SCHEDULED COURSES

MARCH 2, 4 & 11, 2006

MAY 11, 13 & 20, 2006

OCTOBER 12, 14 & 21, 2006

ATTN: A check for \$30.00 per person must accompany each registration. Please mail check(s) payable to CVEMA.

Requests for cancellations/refunds must be made in writing and at least 15 days prior to the first day of class.

Thank You

In addition to the Basic CERT Program, CVEMA CERT also offers Advanced CERT Program modules as well as an annual Skills Refresher Day

BASIC CERT COURSE REGISTRATION

I wish to register for the indicated course:

- MARCH 2, 4 & 11, 2006
- MAY 11, 13 & 20, 2006
- OCTOBER 12, 14 & 21, 2006

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