

Once trained, a CERT member will be able to provide the following services to their neighborhood:

- Increase their neighborhood's disaster readiness
- Assess damage after a disaster
- Extinguish small fires and teach fire safety
- Perform light search and rescue operations
- Perform triage and provide medical services to the injured
- Organize procurement of supplies



<https://www.citizen corps.gov/cert>

C.E.R.T. Training Schedule

January 2011

Tuesdays : Jan 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th
from 6pm-9pm. You must attend all classes for a total of 12 hrs to receive a certificate.

February 2011

Saturdays : Feb 19th, 26th, and Mar 5th
from 1pm-5pm. You must attend all classes for a total of 12 hrs to receive a certificate.

Both classes will be offered in the Barth Community Room at the Crowell Public Library.



City of San Marino

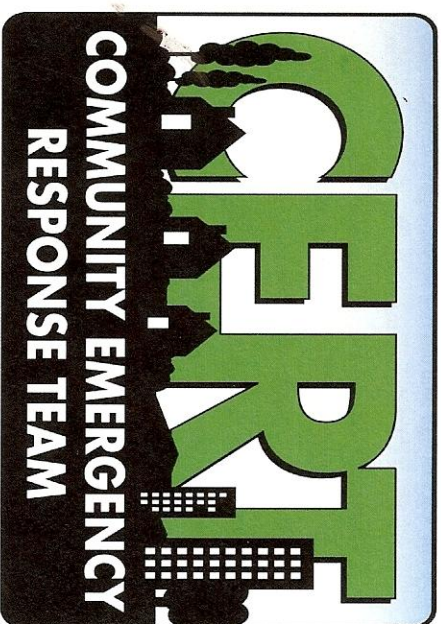
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**CITY OF SAN MARINO
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM**

FEMA Training for Local Volunteers

* Preparedness for your family

* Preparedness for your community.

There is a very good chance that your neighborhood will be on its own during the early stages following a catastrophic disaster.

The City of San Marino has become part of a national network of CERT communities. The San Marino Fire Department has developed a program that is designed to help neighborhoods prepare for and respond to the aftermath of major emergencies.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the community 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 members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities. They can also attend supplemental training opportunities to further their skills.

Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve San Marino's community emergency preparedness.



CERT Course Content

The basic course will include those components necessary to get the team started and become capable of performing basic CERT functions. Each member must complete all aspects of the following areas to become certified.

Teams will learn:

Disaster Preparedness: Instructs team members how to prepare themselves and their neighborhoods for the various hazards which may occur

Medical Operations: Team members will learn how to conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims

Team Organization: Addresses organization and management principles necessary for a CERT to operate successfully

Damage Assessment: Team Members will learn how to rapidly assess damage employing a standardized format used throughout the state.

Light Search and Rescue: Team members will learn light search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety

Disaster Simulation: Small scale disaster training is conducted to provide team members with "real-life" training.

Fire Suppression: Team members will learn how to use extinguishers and other equipment to suppress small fires.

Disaster Psychology: Covers Critical Incident stress for victims as well as workers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a CERT Member?

A CERT Member is a person who is trained to prepare for and respond after major emergencies.

Who may join CERT?

Anyone who is interested in helping his or her neighborhood prepare for a disaster and provide assistance afterward.

How does CERT benefit the community?

If a disaster happens that overwhelms the local response capability, CERT members can apply training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives.

Where Can I get More Information?

Contact the San Marino Fire Department at 626-300-0735 or on the web at www.sanmarinofire.org

How can I apply?

Contact the San Marino Fire Department and request an application. You may also pick up application materials in person at the fire station during business hours. Completed applications should be returned there as well.

How long are classes?

Initial CERT certification requires approximately 12 hours of training.

