



# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING



*A 20 Hour  
Federally Certified Course  
For The Public*

**BORREGO SPRINGS  
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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 such 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 the availability 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 of people.  
**(That's what CERT is about.)**

**Fourth**, organize teams to be extensions 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 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**

The fire extinguisher training prop (shown below). This tool utilizes sound waves from the special training fire extinguisher to determine if the student is using the proper technique to extinguish the fire. The fire reacts based on the aim of the fire extinguisher and will only go out if the student fights the fire correctly.



This is a simulated wall collapse with a victim trapped. This exercise teaches students how to safely lift heavy objects using box cribbing and levers.

# CURRENT SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE FORMAT

All CERT courses will start on Friday night and include the following two consecutive Saturdays.

## SCHEDULE HOURS

Friday night: 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.  
1st Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
2nd Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

## COURSE LOCATION

Borrego Springs Fire Protection District Offices  
2324 Stirrup Road  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

## CURRENTLY SCHEDULED COURSE:

**January 31 and February 1 & 8, 2014**

**ATTN: A check for \$25.00 per person must accompany each registration. Please mail check(s) payable to Borrego Springs Fire Protection District. Requests for cancellations/refunds must be made in writing and at least 15 days prior to the first day of class.**

*In addition to the Basic CERT Program, Borrego Springs 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:

- Jan 31 & Feb 1 & 8, 2014
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