



Training is designed to cover the following:

Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations - Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries, Light Search and Rescue, CERT Team Organization, Disaster Psychology and Terrorism and Community Disaster Communications. A Final review and scenario based exercise is given following the 8 classes.

The Course requires approximately 24 hours for certification and is open to anyone 18 years and older.



For more information or to schedule a course, contact your local CERT Coordinator, Bill Paxton at: paxbar@comcast.net or call 707-763-4421



Homeland Security

A Homeland Security Disaster Preparedness Training Program for local Communities



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

A Program for Residents of: The City of Petaluma and Surrounding Communities

Sponsored by:

The Petaluma Fire Department





Be prepared WHEN (not “IF”) Disaster strikes...



About CERT...

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, using the model created by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in the 1980's, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 2002. Since then, CERTs have been established in thousands of communities nation-wide.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people they serve. The goal is to train members of the neighborhoods, community organizations or workplaces in basic response skills which in turn allows

the teams to locally support first responders as well as themselves.

When a disastrous event overwhelms or delays professional response to a community, sometimes for up to two weeks or more, CERT members can assist themselves and others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during the training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies that arise such as home fires and medical events.

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 other professional groups that enhances their skill base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects or local agencies that work to improve community emergency preparedness, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

CERT Training will teach participants to:

1. Determine and mitigate the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Understand the function of CERT's and their roles in disaster response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves and their families for disasters.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.

5. Learn and apply methods of life saving acts - opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock.
6. Conduct triage of multiple victims
7. Select and set up a treatment area.
8. Employ basic medical treatment for various injuries.
9. Plan, size-up and conduct search and rescue operations..
10. Learn to employ team solutions to relieve stress from disaster operations
11. Establish efficient methods of community disaster communications.



Target Audiences:

- Individuals & families
- Neighborhood groups
- School Staff/Students
- Communities of Faith
- Clubs/Organizations
- Businesses