



CERT Syllabus

Class 1-Introduction, CERT Overview & Unit 1–Disaster Preparedness

Unit 1 covers the roles and responsibilities for community preparedness, personal preparedness, and the role of CERTs.

Class 2-CERT Organization, Incident Command System and Terrorism Awareness

Unit 6 covers CERT organization, rescuer safety, documentation, and team organization. Unit 8 defines terrorism, targets, weapons, and ways to prepare for a terrorist incident.

Class 3-Medical Operations Part 1

Unit 3 teaches how to recognize life-threatening conditions and how to perform triage.

Class 4-Medical Operations Part 2

Unit 4 covers public health considerations such as hygiene and sanitation, medical treatment areas, patient evaluation, and basic treatment of burns, wounds, fractures, etc.

Class 5-Fire Safety & Suppression

Unit 2 discusses fire chemistry, fire and utility hazards, how to operate a fire extinguisher, fire suppression safety, and hazardous materials.

Class 6-Emergency Communications and Disaster Psychology

The Emergency Communications session discusses emergency and non-emergency phone calls, information on the 911 system, and the job of the 911 dispatchers and call-takers.

Unit 7 discusses the psychological impact of a disaster on rescuers and victims.

Class 7-Light Duty Search & Rescue

Unit 5 pulls together everything learned in the previous units and adds situation size-up, victim searches and simulated rescue operations.

Class 8-Review, Tabletop Exercise and Graduation

The final class consists of a review, a tabletop exercise where students work in teams to manage a mock disaster. Certificates of Completion are presented and a backpack of supplies is provided to each student who attended all eight classes.