



**CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING**

If existing emergency services cannot meet all the immediate needs of our citizens and communities following a disaster such as a major earthquake, what can government do to prepare citizens to care for themselves and render assistance to others?

First, present citizens with the facts about what to expect following a major disaster since it will take time for local, state and federal assistance to respond.

Second, deliver 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 police and fire personnel are able to respond.

The **Basic CERT** Training Program includes 7 basic modules and consists of 20 hours of classroom and hands-on training over a three day period.

CERT OVERVIEW



*A 20 Hour
Federally Certified Course
For the Public*

- Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire, medical and law enforcement 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 that they have learned 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 major disasters throughout the world, where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved hundreds of people. However, many people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The City of Rancho Mirage CERT Course consists of the following seven modules to be held at the Rancho Mirage Library, 71100 Highway 111:

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
- Planning and 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

MODULE 7 - DISASTER SIMULATION EXERCISE

- Utilizing CERT Techniques

COMPLETION OF ALL 7 MODULES IS REQUIRED FOR COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

2012 SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE FORMAT AND HOURS:

1 Weekday Evening: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

1st Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2nd Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

APRIL

4th - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

6th - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

13th - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOW: REGISTER AT RANCHO MIRAGE CITY HALL, 69-825 HWY 111
(CORNER OF FRANK SINATRA & HWY 111), 324-4511

COST: \$87.50 (REFUNDABLE TO RANCHO MIRAGE RESIDENTS AND
EMPLOYEES OF RANCHO MIRAGE BUSINESSES UPON COURSE
COMPLETION)