



## LEARN DISASTER RESPONSE SKILLS!

CERT educates citizens in disaster preparedness and provides basic disaster response skills. Using this training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional first responders are not immediately available to help. **\*ALL FEDERAL, STATE, and LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTIVES WILL BE ENFORCED\***

**THE INSTRUCTION:** This FEMA approved course includes Disaster Preparedness, Medical Operations I & II, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Suppression, Team Organization and Emotional First Aid (Disaster Psychology).

### 2022 BASIC CERT CLASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, January 21	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 22	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, January 28	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 29	8:00 am to 5:00 pm

### LOCATION:

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base  
11200 Lexington Drive  
Los Alamitos, CA 90740

Four days equal one class.



**BASIC CERT TRAINING.** This 20-hour training may be used to immediately assist your family, your neighborhood, your business, or your school. Basic CERT Training will help you handle emergencies until first responders arrive.

**ADVANCED CERT TRAINING.** Following the Basic CERT training course, you may pursue ADVANCED CERT Training. When your CERT Team is activated, you may be assigned to assist first responders (fire, police, EMS) with emergency support duties during planned events and major disasters.

**REGISTRATION:** email [WestCountyCertAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:WestCountyCertAcademy@gmail.com)

or call (714) 229-6625

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**COST:** \$25.00 Supply and Material Fee

Please make checks payable to OCEVA

# Frequently Asked Questions



**Q: If I complete CERT Basic Training, do I need to join the CERT Team?**

**A: No.** The basic 20-hour CERT Academy is open to any resident in the six-city region. If you complete the basic academy, you are under no obligation to become a member of your City CERT Team. If you do choose to become a City CERT member, you would complete a background check and attend some advanced courses.

**Q: What is CERT?**

**A:** The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. With this training, CERT members can assist themselves, their families, and others in their neighborhood or workplace when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

**Q: How does CERT benefit the community?**

**A:** After completing basic CERT training, you will have a better understanding of potential threats to your home, workplace and community. You can take steps to lessen the effects of these hazards before disaster strikes. When a disaster overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply their training to support family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve community safety through public education projects, and by serving at special events, parades, sporting events, and concerts. CERT members with advanced training may be assigned to assist first responders (fire, police, EMS) with certain emergency support functions.

**Q: Who can take the training?**

**A:** It is open to anyone 18 years or older; 16+ with parent or guardian permission; 14+ with parent or guardian participation.

**Q: Why take CERT training?**

**A:** While State and Federal resources can eventually assist local agencies, their response may be delayed by several days. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people decision-making, organizational, and practical skills needed to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. The goal of the CERT program is to help you respond effectively and efficiently without placing yourself in unnecessary danger. This training is foremost for you. Advanced training is available for those who wish to assist with community disaster response functions.

**Q: What about liability?**

**A:** The text of the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 is available for viewing. State Liability Laws are located on the Citizen Corps website. During training, each sponsoring agency will brief its CERT members about their responsibilities as a volunteer CERT member. [www.citizenscorps.gov](http://www.citizenscorps.gov)

**Q: What if I want to do more than just the basic training?**

**A:** CERT members can increase their knowledge and capabilities by completing specified on-line FEMA courses (IS-100 and IS-700) and by attending classes on animal care, special needs concerns, donation management, community relations, shelter fundamentals, debris removal, utilities control, advanced first aid, Automatic External Defibrillator, CPR, and others. CERT members can also use their skills to help the program flourish by volunteering for scheduled events.

**Q: How do CERT members maintain their skills?**

**A:** CERT members meet every other month at one of the local sponsoring agencies to maintain individual and team skills. All CERT members are invited to participate in an annual exercise. Some response agencies may incorporate CERT teams into their exercises allowing CERT members to operate as they would during an actual disaster.

**Q: What if I have concerns about my age or physical ability?**

**A:** There are many jobs within CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help, such as documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster related team activities may include keeping databases, developing a website, writing a newsletter, planning activities, helping with special events, and organizing exercises and activities.

During CERT classroom training, if one has a concern about performing a skill, such as lifting, just let the instructor know. You can learn from watching. We would like everyone who wants to go through the training to have an opportunity to participate and learn the skills. CERT educates participants about local hazards and trains them in skills that are useful during major disaster and during life's everyday emergencies.

**Q: HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE NEXT CLASS?**

**A:** Send an email to [WestCountyCertAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:WestCountyCertAcademy@gmail.com), or call 714-229-6625.



# West County CERT Training Registration Form



**Class Name** January 2022-Basic CERT Academy **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
January 21-22 and January 28-29, 2022

**NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST M.I.

**ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER STREET APT. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS LINE 2

**PHONE NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME CELL

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I have applied to participate in the West Orange County Regional CERT training program offered on January 21-22 and January 28-29, 2022, to be conducted in conjunction with the Cities of Cypress, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, La Palma, Westminster and Buena Park.

I AM AWARE THAT SOME ASPECTS OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO MY HEALTH AND INVOLVE INHERENT RISKS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RISKS OF BODILY INJURY OR DEATH; AND DESPITE THESE RISKS I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY. I AM AWARE THAT, AS A VOLUNTEER, I AM NOT COVERED FOR ANY WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS, OR ANY FIRST PARTY HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE, BY THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH.

In exchange for the benefits derived by my participation in this project, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, distributees, guardians, legal representatives, and assigns do release and will indemnify, hold harmless and not sue the Cities of Cypress, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, La Palma, Westminster and Buena Park and any other organizers, promoters, sponsors or property owners involved with this training program, as well as any of their officials, employees, representatives, agents, servants, or volunteers (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Released Parties") for any liability, claims, or actions for injury, death, or damage to personal property arising out of or in connection with my participation in the West Orange County Regional CERT training program, from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of the Released Parties, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Released Parties.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

<b>PLEASE SIGN</b>		
SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	DATE

**Return registration form to:**

Loree Erpelding  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
Cypress Police Department  
5275 Orange Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630

or

Fax:  
(714) 229-8957

or

Email:  
[westcountycertacademy@gmail.com](mailto:westcountycertacademy@gmail.com)

## Supplementary Information

How did you hear about West County CERT?

Mailing (email or paper): \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper (which): \_\_\_\_\_

Neighbor 4 Neighbor

Friend/Neighbor

Television

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken any prior CERT Training?

Yes  No

Have you taken any other applicable training?

Yes  No

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in becoming a CERT Volunteer?

Yes  No

Are you interested in getting an Amateur Radio license?

Yes  No

May we contact you with CERT information, such as newsletters and monthly CERT updates?

Yes  No

### PHOTO/MODEL RELEASE

I hereby give the Cities of Cypress, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, La Palma, Westminster and Buena Park an irrevocable right and permission, in connection with the photographs/negatives/videos taken of me, or in which I may be included with others, the following:

1. The right to use and reuse, in any manner at all, said photographs/negatives/videos, in whole or in part, either by themselves or in conjunction with other photographs/negatives/videos in any medium and for any purposes whatsoever, including all promotional and advertising uses as well as using my name in connection therewith if it is so desired; and
2. The right to copyright said photographs/negatives/videos in the photographer's and/or the City of Seal Beach's name.

I hereby forever release and discharge the Cities of Cypress, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, La Palma, Westminster and Buena Park from any and all claims, actions and demands arising out of, or in connection with, the use of said photographs/negatives/videos, including, without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy and libel. This release shall inure to the benefit of the assigns, licensees and legal representatives of the City of Seal Beach as well as the party(ies) for whom photographs/negatives/videos were taken.

**PLEASE  
SIGN**

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SIGNATURE

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PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE