

**San Gabriel Fire Department**

**C.E.R.T.**

**Community Emergency Response Team**

**When:**

**Where:** San Gabriel Fire Department Station 51

1303 S. Del Mar Ave.

San Gabriel, CA 91776

**CERT Course Content:**

The basic course will include those components to get the team started and become capable of performing basic CERT functions. Each member must complete four four-hour classes in the following areas to become certified. Classes are scheduled to accommodate the needs of each team and are available on Saturday.

## **Teams Will Learn:**

**Disaster Preparedness:** Instructs team members how to prepare themselves and their neighborhoods for various hazards that may occur.

**Medical Operations:** Team members will learn how to conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims.\*

**Damage Assessment:** Team members will learn how to rapidly assess damage employing a standardized format used throughout the county.

**Disaster Simulation:** A small-scale disaster simulation, located in the team's neighborhood, is also a part of the basic program.

**Fire Suppression:** Team members will learn how to use fire extinguishers and other equipment to suppress small fires.

**Light Search and Rescue:** Team members will learn light search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.

**Team Organization and Disaster Psychology:** Addresses organization and management principles necessary for a CERT to operate successfully. Covers critical incident stress for victims as well as workers.

\* CPR is not considered a component of CERT training.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What is a CERT Member?**

A CERT member is a person who is trained to prepare for and respond after a disaster in their neighborhood. A group of ten or more members of a neighborhood, apartment complex, business, or similar residential area comprise a team. Persons not affiliated with a team may serve as individuals.

### **Who may join CERT?**

Anyone who is interested in helping his or her neighborhood prepare for a disaster and provides assistance afterward. Team training is preferred however persons may be trained even if they are not affiliated with a team.

### **Where can I get more information about the CERT program?**

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#### **Website Resources:**

[www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com)

[www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com)

[www.fema.gov/emi/cert](http://www.fema.gov/emi/cert)