



What is CERT?

CERT is a community based group of volunteers that have completed a federally recognized training course taught by local Public Safety Personnel and First Responders.

The training is a comprehensive program detailing ways to assist family, friends, neighbors, and your community in small or large scale disasters.

This training is free, and open to anyone that lives or works in Santa Monica, over the age of 18.

The Office of Emergency Management offers CERT courses throughout the year. Please visit our website at www.smgov.net/oem for a current schedule of available courses.



What Will I Learn?

Utilizing basic CERT training, students will learn how to prepare for emergencies and be ready to respond to assist the community immediately following incidents of all sizes.

CERT components include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT Team Organization
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Terrorism
- Disaster Psychology

The CERT registration process is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download and Complete the CERT Volunteer Application

Download and complete the CERT Volunteer Application* which is available at www.smgov.net/oem – then Fax, Email or Mail in your completed application to:

City of Santa Monica
Office of Emergency Management OEM
333 Olympic Drive, Second Floor/EOC
Santa Monica CA 90401

FAX (310) 449-4414
EMAIL oem@smgov.net

2. Fingerprinting/livescan

Once your application is received and approved, you must complete a fingerprinting/livescan which will be submitted to the Department of Justice and FBI to verify your eligibility.

3. Training Date Notification

Once all paperwork is received and complete, you will be notified with the next available date for CERT training.

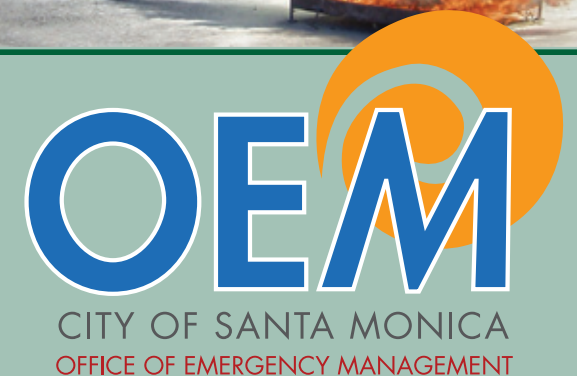
**All CERT paperwork hand delivered to the Public Safety Facility should be placed in the OEM Mailbox located on the wall next to the elevator of the second floor lobby.*

Disclaimer and Non-Discrimination Policy

The CERT course has an age requirement of 18 years or older. Each CERT class is limited to 35 participants. Course spots are reserved on a first come, first served basis and are dependent on the successful completion and approval of your application.

Any applicant with a felony on his/her record will not be considered for the CERT program. Eligibility based on past criminal history will be at the discretion of the Office of Emergency Management.

Santa Monica CERT only conducts non-discriminatory classes. Non-discrimination includes race, religion, gender and group affiliations. The City of Santa Monica does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.



What Will I Need?

- Time
- Comfortable clothes
- Study shoes
- Sack lunch

Most importantly, a good attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to help your family and community are essential to your success in this program.



What Is Provided?

- A safe and fun learning experience
- The Basic CERT Training Participant Manual
- A CERT kit (pictured) upon the successful completion of CERT training



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After CERT Completion

Once you've completed the CERT training, your effectiveness and contribution in a disaster depends on you.

Although there is no obligation, CERT was designed to enlist community members as a volunteer resource to assist first responders in a time of need.

Some examples of when CERT's may be activated include:

- A Citywide emergency or disaster
- First Aid and Information Stations at large scale planned events
- Additionally CERT members may be called on to assist in Public Safety trainings, exercises, and incidents based on need



After CERT Completion (cont.)

Staying current on CERT training, maintaining and updating your CERT kit, or volunteering to become a CERT instructor are some of the ways you can really make a difference when the time comes.

