



# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM

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## LEVEL 1 SYLLABUS

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### CLASS 1 - INTRODUCTION, EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS

Registration  
Introduction  
Earthquake Threat in Southern California  
Personal & Family Preparation  
Nonstructural Hazard Mitigation



### CLASS 2 - DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES

Fire Chemistry  
Fire Extinguisher Use  
Utility Control  
Creative Firefighting Techniques  
Hazardous Materials / Placarding



### CLASS 3 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 1)

Recognizing Life-Threatening Emergencies  
Treating Life-Threatening Emergencies  
Triage



### CLASS 4 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 2) AND MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT

Head-to-Toe Evaluation  
Treating Nonlife-Threatening Emergencies  
Treatment Area Management



### CLASS 5 - LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS

Evacuation  
Search Techniques  
Rescue Methods / Cribbing



### CLASS 6 –TEAM ORGANIZATION & DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY

Developing a Response Team  
Incident Command System “ICS”  
Psychological “Size-Up”



### CLASS 7 – TERRORISM & HOMELAND DEFENSE

History of Terrorism  
Do’s and Don’ts During a Terrorist Act  
Homeland Defense Tips



The Los Angeles Fire Department's **CERT Program** (free of charge) was developed because of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. The CERT Program provides for community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who act as an adjunct to the city's emergency services during major disasters. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, and provide immediate assistance to victims. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. Through this unique program, people from community organizations, business and industry, and city employee groups will become CERT members. They work as a team member and perform as individual leaders by directing untrained volunteers in the initial phase of an emergency.

The complete CERT Program is comprised of three progressive courses. CERT members begin their education with Level 1 training. Level 1 training is taught by professional experienced firefighters and paramedics. The course is followed by continuing education programs, including biannual refreshers.

We encourage our Level 1 graduates to enhance their education. Following the completion of Level 1, the CERT Program also offers Level 2 and Level 3 sequential training. CERT Level 2 includes 12 additional training hours in: “Introduction to Disaster Services”, “Mass Care”, and “Shelter Operations & Shelter Simulations”. Currently, Level 2 classes are free through the American Red Cross. Check for dates of available classes.

After you have completed Levels 1 & 2 training, Level 3 is a 50 plus-hour “Emergency Response Advanced First Aid” course. A Level 3 CERT member will have completed nearly 80 total hours of training and be capable of effectively assisting the needs within the community. Contact the American Red Cross for dates and cost for this course.

Currently, CERT teams are regionally located within the city according to the Fire Department battalion they live in or work in. Opportunities are available to join and train with a team and potentially become a CERT Battalion Coordinator. Currently, Battalion Coordinators have completed at least Levels 1 & 2 training. These Battalion Coordinators work closely with CERT team members and the Fire Department to develop a capable “response-ready” team.

Please contact the LAFD Firefighter listed as the contact on the attached sheet or call 818.756.9674.

## LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT CLASSES FOR JANUARY 2012

MONDAY

DATE	1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13
START TIME:	9AM - NOON
COMMENTS:	COMBINE 3&4 ON 1/23 (SPANISH CLASS)
TEAM NAME:	SHARP ELEMENTARY
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER HOWARD
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	PARENT ROOM 1
ADDRESS:	13800 PIERCE ST.
CITY	ARLETA, CA

MONDAY

DATE	1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13
START TIME:	6:30PM – 9:30PM
COMMENTS:	COMBINE 3&4 ON 1/23
TEAM NAME:	BATTALION 4 CERT
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER WILLIS
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	FS 5 COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDRESS:	8900 S. EMERSON ST.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

MONDAY

DATE	1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13
START TIME:	6:30PM – 9:30PM
COMMENTS:	COMBINE 3&4 ON 1/23
TEAM NAME:	BATTALION 6 CERT
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER BUTLER
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	NORMADALE REC CENTER
ADDRESS:	22400 HALLDALE AVE
CITY	TORRANCE , CA

TUESDAY

DATE	1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21
START TIME:	6:30PM – 9PM
TEAM NAME:	LAPD HOLLYWOOD DIV CPAB
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER WILLIS
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDRESS:	6501 FOUNTAIN AVE.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

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TUESDAY

DATE	1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21
START TIME:	7PM – 9:30PM
COMMENTS:	6 - 3HR CLASSES
TEAM NAME:	BATTALION 17 CERT
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER MCKNIGHT
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	COMMUNITY
ADDRESS:	FS84
CITY	WOODLAND HILLS, CA

WEDNESDAY

DATE	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
START TIME:	1PM – 3:30PM
TEAM NAME:	HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN HOSP
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER BUTLER
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	AUDITORIUM
ADDRESS:	1300 N. VERMONT AVE.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

WEDNESDAY

DATE	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
START TIME:	4:30PM – 7PM
TEAM NAME:	NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER MCKNIGHT
CONTACT PHONE:	818.678.5157 OR 818.399.0330
TRAINING RM:	MPR
ADDRESS:	17960 CHASE ST.
CITY	NORTHRIDGE, CA

WEDNESDAY

DATE	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
START TIME:	6:30PM – 9PM
TEAM NAME:	TOPANGA LAPD CPAB
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER WILLIS
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDRESS:	21501 SCHOENBORN ST
CITY:	CANOGA PARK 91304

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WEDNESDAY

DATE	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
START TIME:	7PM - 9:30PM
TEAM NAME:	BATTALION 9 CERT
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER MASON
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE REAR OF STATION
ADDRESS:	11505 OLYMPIC BL.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

THURSDAY

DATE	1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
START TIME:	9AM – 1130AM
TEAM NAME:	UCLA OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER BUTLER
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	RIEBER HALL FIRESIDE LOUNGE
ADDRESS:	310 DE NEVE DR.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

THURSDAY

DATE	1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
START TIME:	7PM – 9:30PM
TEAM NAME:	BATTALION 1 CERT
CONTACT NAME:	FF HURT HOWARD
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	LAPD HOLLENBECK DIV COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDRESS:	2111 E. 1ST ST.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

FRIDAY

DATE:	1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10
START TIME:	8:30AM – 2PM
COMMENTS:	4 - 5 HOUR CLASSES WITH 30 MIN LUNCH
TEAM NAME:	AMERICORPS
CONTACT NAME:	FIREFIGHTER MCKNIGHT
CONTACT PHONE:	818.756.9674
TRAINING RM:	WEINGART CENTER
ADDRESS:	566 S. SAN PEDRO ST.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA

## LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT CLASSES FOR JANUARY 2012

SATURDAY

DATE:	2/4/2012, 3/3/2012, 4/7/2012
START TIME:	8:30AM – 4:30PM
COMMENTS:	3 - 8 HOUR DAYS
TEAM NAME:	LAPD SOUTHWEST CPAB
CONTACT NAME:	TRACY HAUTER
CONTACT PHONE:	213.847.5800
TRAINING RM:	COMMUNITY ROOM
ADDRESS:	1546 W. MLK BL.
CITY	LOS ANGELES, CA