

# GET TRAINED



Provides disaster information, education, and training that no resident should be without!  
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What is CERT? CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. CERT is a group of people that are organized to work as a team to respond to disasters that impact their homes, businesses, and neighborhoods. The CERT program focuses on providing specialized training to organized “teams” to provide vital services within their neighborhoods or businesses, in the absence of emergency responders, whose arrival may be delayed due to the scope of the event.

The CERT Academy provides a minimum of 20 hours of classroom and hands-on training. The CERT Academy is held at Fire Station 34, 343 E. 16th Street, National City, CA 91950. The next CERT Academy is scheduled for the following dates/times:

March 6, 6-7 PM	Orientation
March 12, 6-9 PM	Unit 1 Disaster Preparedness
March 19, 6-9 PM	Unit 2 Fire Safety and Utility Controls
March 27, 6-9 PM	Unit 3 Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
April 3, 6-9 PM	Unit 4 Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
April 10, 6-9 PM	Unit 5 Light Search and Rescue Operations
April 16, 6-9 PM	Unit 6 CERT Organization
April 24, 6-9 PM	Unit 7 Disaster Psychology
April 27, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Manipulative Training
May 1, 6-9 PM	Unit 8 Terrorism
May 4, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Unit 9 Final

The CERT Academy is offered free of charge, and is open to all residents OR employees of businesses with a physical address in National City or Lincoln Acres. The CERT Academy is designed to be practical, interesting, and fun. While the CERT Academy is interactive, there are no special physical requirements to participate in the program.

In the CERT Academy you will learn fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations/first aid.

CERT is grant funded and our program will be coordinated by the National City Fire Department. All classes are taught by emergency management, fire, and police instructors. The CERT program is an official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program. Certificates of Completion are issued to participants at the end of the CERT Training Academy.

If you are interested in attending a CERT Training Academy, call (619) 336-4556 or send an e-mail to: [cert@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:cert@nationalcityca.gov). Call now, your community needs you!