



# DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?



## What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) educates the community about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

## Why take the CERT training?

People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives.

**This program includes national-level training and hands-on exercises covering:**



- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
- UTILITY CONTROL
- FIRE SUPPRESSION
- MEDICAL OPERATIONS
- LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE
- DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY
- TERRORISM
- TEAM ORGANIZATION
- FULL DISASTER SIMULATION



## What's the cost?

This training is provided **FREE** of charge to the residents and business members of the Torrance Community over the age of 18. Full commitment is required to receive a certificate of completion after the disaster simulation on the final day.

## When are classes held?

Classes are held in the fall, spring and summer of each year and are located at our local fire stations. Those interested in attending an upcoming CERT Basic Training Course may register by calling the Community Services Department at (310) 618-2720. [enroll@torranceca.gov](mailto:enroll@torranceca.gov)

The summer training course is a series of three Saturday classes:

**OCT 14-15-16,  
2016**

**8am – 5pm**

*For more questions, please contact  
the Torrance Fire Prevention Division.  
(310) 618-2973.*

