

Units of Instruction

Disasters We will address a variety of disaster situations that might threaten our communities. We will take a look at the impact on Olathe's infrastructure, structural and nonstructural hazards. We will address what each participant can do to mitigate the effects of disasters and learn more about personal safety and secondary hazards which present themselves when emergencies or disasters occur.



Basic Fire Suppression

Basic fire suppression will address firefighting resources and firefighting safety. Topics included are ways to reduce fire hazards in the home or office.

Included in this section of training will be an orientation of hazardous materials. This knowledge enables the CERT team member to recognize & identify a hazardous material threat and notify the proper authorities.



CERT members will learn how to do a size-up of a fire situation. An exercise in basic fire suppression is included in this unit. We will also include an instructional unit specifically about Olathe Fire Department and the resources it provides the community.

TERRORISM

A unit on terrorism has also been included.



Disaster Medical

Part I of Disaster Medical Operations includes an introduction to disaster medical situations. It will include recognizing and treating life-threatening conditions, triage, and practical applications. Disaster medical operations Part

II concentrates on the organization of disaster medical operations. Participants will learn how to conduct head-to-toe assessments; establish treatment areas; treat burns and wounds; treat fractures, sprains and strains; splinting; treating hypothermia and frostbite. Members will learn about public health considerations and apply in a practical scenario their disaster medical skills.

Light Search & Rescue

Light search & rescue includes aspects of planning, search and rescue size-up, conducting search operations, and conducting rescue operations.



Team Organization



The final elements of the CERT program will include the organization of CERT teams, and decision making. Team participants will learn about disaster psychology (how such events can affect not only victims, but CERT members as well). Also addressed will be how the teams are incorporated into

the emergency response community's Incident Management System.

The Finale

The finale for the course will be a written exam (it's a take home quiz), and a "disaster" exercise that tests the skills acquired during the training program.

Upon completion of all units of the CERT Program certificates and ID cards will be issued. **For further information contact 913-971-7943.** On-line enrollment can be done at <http://www.olatheks.org/Fire/ResponseTeam>

APPLICATION of INTEREST

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Employer: _____

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Home Phone #: _____ Work #: _____

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Community Emergency Response Teams

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT was initiated in Olathe in March of 2001 by the Olathe Fire Department and is now a part of the national Citizen Corps effort endorsed by the President and the Department of Homeland Security.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference.

Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

This Nationally Certified Course teaches CERT teams to perform essential life-saving functions while awaiting the arrival of professional emergency responders following a disaster.