



**TO DO  
THE MOST GOOD  
FOR  
THE MOST PEOPLE**



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# Santa Clara C.E.R.T. Training Program



**Community  
Emergency  
Response  
Team**



*Sponsored through a  
partnership between*

**Santa Clara City Officials &  
Santa Clara Fire Department**

*for the  
Citizens of the City of Santa Clara*

## GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training Program is designed to help the citizens of Santa Clara be self-sufficient after a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams that are cross-trained in basic emergency skills.

After completing this program, you will be able to function as a member of a team or as a leader of on-site volunteers.

## PROGRAM HISTORY

As we all know, the Loma Prieta earthquake was not the “Big One” that was predicted. It was a wake-up call – a warning to get prepared. That night, thousands of people throughout the Bay Area volunteered to help. These spontaneous volunteers had little or no knowledge of disaster skills.

In 1995, in order to leverage this volunteer enthusiasm, the Santa Clara Fire Department began a training program in basic disaster skills for our community.

Each participant receives a student manual, safety helmet and vest, and a graduation certificate. There is a nominal fee which covers the cost of materials received and those consumed in the training. Santa Clara Firefighters and CERT trained volunteers facilitate the training.



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# Community Emergency Response Team

Yes! I would like to Participate in CERT Training...

## DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE

Both the Loma Prieta and Northridge earthquakes have demonstrated the importance of civilian volunteers during a disaster.

Spontaneous volunteers are always first on the scene to conduct initial search, rescue and first aid. Santa Clara CERT trained personnel will communicate effectively and participate in disaster response efforts.



## ARE YOU READY?

Sixty-three people lost their lives in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and the devastation was felt throughout the Bay Area.

*But this was not the "BIG ONE"*

The U.S. Geological Survey predicts there is a 67% chance that the Bay Area will be struck by a major earthquake within the next 30 years. When the BIG ONE hits, emergency services will be overwhelmed by the number of calls. It may be up to 72 hours before help can arrive.



## BE PREPARED...

The CERT Training Program offers training in disaster preparedness and team response. You will learn basic skills that are most commonly used in disasters.

## CAN YOU SURVIVE?

The answer is YES you can — if you are prepared. The key to surviving the aftermath of any disaster is planning ahead of time.

## WHO CAN BE PART OF CERT?

- ◆ Neighborhood groups and associations
- ◆ Church groups
- ◆ Community organizations
- ◆ City employee groups and departments
- ◆ Business groups
- ◆ Individuals who live or work in Santa Clara



## CLASS OUTLINE

The Santa Clara CERT Training Program consists 21 hours of classroom and hands-on training classes. It is taught by professional firefighters who have had extensive experience in emergency response. You will learn a wide variety of topics which will allow you to become prepared for a disaster. The topics include:

- Earthquake awareness
- Personal, family and workplace preparation
- Non-structural hazard mitigation
- Emergency assistance team concept
- Terrorism and CERT
- Utility control - when and how to shut it off
- Hazardous materials recognition
- Fire extinguisher use
- Disaster medicine
- Triage - How to decide who to treat and when
- Assessment and care of minor injuries
- Burns
- Building damage recognition
- Light search and rescue techniques
- Lifting heavy objects
- Leadership structure
- Team response and management
- Disaster psychology
- Hands-on disaster exercise

- To get more information about CERT and see the schedule of upcoming classes, please visit our website at:

<http://santaclaraca.gov/CERT>

- To obtain further information, or to register for a class, please send an email to [FDCERT@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:FDCERT@santaclaraca.gov) or contact the Fire Department Training Division at (408) 615-4940.
- You can also mail or fax this form to the address listed below and we will contact you.

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