



Community Emergency Response Team

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Experts agree that it is inevitable a major disaster, such as an earthquake, will affect the Orange County area in the near future. Recent disasters have shown that emergency services resources will be depleted to the extent that some individuals or neighborhoods will need to rely on themselves during the first few days following a disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, citizens trained to respond to emergencies can make a difference by saving lives and protecting property.

The Cities of Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Westminster and the Orange County Fire Authority would like you to attend a training program to learn and practice disaster preparedness. The program is called CERT - Community Emergency Response Teams.

The CERT program is designed to prepare citizens to help themselves, their family, their neighbors and community in case of an emergency or catastrophic disaster. CERT training is available to everyone; residents, businesses, churches, and civic groups, regardless of where you reside.

The course includes curriculum in home preparedness, fire suppression, hazardous materials safety, disaster medical operations, search and rescue, terrorism awareness, disaster psychology, and CERT team organization. The course is a fun, hands on course that allows each individual to practice and test their skills. Each participant is encouraged to assemble a home, business or car disaster safety kit which can be used while taking the class. Upon completion of the course, CERT participants will receive a certificate of completion.

The West County CERT training program will begin on April 3, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This class will be hosted by the City of Cypress at the Cypress Maintenance Facility, 5285 Cypress Street, Cypress. Phone your local CERT liaison to receive an application or ask any questions.

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