



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using the model created by the Los Angeles Fire Department, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERT's have been established in hundreds of communities. The North County Fire Authority and the City of Daly City are committed to continuing to provide this vital training.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between the city's emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal of the program is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. These basic response skills can be used in the following ways:

- ✓ To assist neighborhoods and the business community during a disastrous event that overwhelms or delays the community's emergency first responder response.
- ✓ To help save and sustain lives following a disaster.
- ✓ To assist with medical emergencies prior to emergency personnel arrival.

The North County Fire Authority's CERT training course is twenty (20) hours in length and covers the following areas:

- ✓ Disaster Preparedness
- ✓ Disaster Fire Suppression
- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
- ✓ Light Search and Rescue Operations
- ✓ CERT Organization
- ✓ Disaster Psychology
- ✓ Terrorism & CERT
- ✓ Course Review and Disaster Simulation

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