

What is involved in the course?

Each class is approximately 22 hours long. The classes are planned for three sessions (7.5 hours each) on Saturdays. The last class session is a simulated disaster drill to practice the skills learned.

What classes are included?

The classes are broken down into 2+ hour modules:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations/ Triage
- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Medical Operations/ Assessment
- Team Organization and Management
- Disaster Exercise

When and how will I be used?

During a major incident, when CERT is activated, there will be a variety of jobs to be done. Safety of yourself and family is first, then the surrounding homes in your neighborhood and perhaps elsewhere in the City depending on needs and emergency workers available. Emergency Fire or Police personnel may be unable to respond to your neighborhood due to overwhelming calls for assistance for up to 72 hours. CERT members will assist their neighbors and community doing first aid, searching damaged buildings, hazard controls, and routine things like “keeping folks away from downed utility lines” until help from utility arrives.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, contact Assistant Fire Chief Joe Maddox, Training Officer, to see about availability of the next class. You may reach Chief Maddox at (770) 515-7879 or click on the Training Calendar for details of dates, times, locations, etc.

What is the time commitment?

Participate in semi-annual refresher class or drill to practice and maintain skills. Time involved during major emergencies if you are activated.