



Do You Know What To Do In An Emergency?



Why take the CERT Training?

Well, it's like paying for car insurance. You might never need it, in fact you hope you won't. But if the occasion arises, having it means you're as ready as you can be to help yourself, our family and our neighborhood in an emergency situation.

Class members receive 21 hours (one day a week for three weeks) of initial training. CERT is provided free of charge within the Barstow Fire Protection District.

Classes are taught when class size reaches thirty participants.

Classes are held at the Barstow Fire Protection Districts' Headquarters Station, located at 861 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. (BFPD)

CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies you should **NOW** have in your house, how much food, how much water but most importantly, how to protect your family in an emergency! **Learn how to become an asset, not a victim.**

It is important to know, if a major disaster occurs, the BFPD, paramedics, police or ambulance... **WILL NOT be able to respond!** They will be deployed **FIRST** to major incidents such as collapsed buildings. That is why you constantly hear... You **MUST** be prepared to take care of ourself.

In the CERT course they say...

**"The Greatest Good for the
Greatest Number of People"**

When you are trained, you are far more equipped to deal with your circumstances without needing aid from outside sources.

Take CERT Training for:

Yourself – Your family – Your workplace – Your neighborhood.

CERT Course Class Topics

- Personal & Family Preparedness
- Earthquake Preparation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Team organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Medical Operations
- Medical Triage
- Damage Assessment
- Fire Suppression
- Fire Chemistry
- Hazardous Materials
- Utility Control
- Light Search & Rescue
- Full Disaster Simulation

If a major earthquake hits, do you...

- Have enough supplies for a minimum of 72 hours up to an entire month for all family members, including pets?
- Know how to turn off the gas?
- Know how to safely turn off the power?
- Know how to apply first aid?
- Have enough water for all of your family and your pets?
- Have provisions for living outside your home for a length of time if the structure is compromised, (cooking, water storage, ect.)?
- Have alternative toilet facilities and sanitary needs (toilet paper, etc) for your family?

CERT classes are given by the BFPD & the City of Barstow.

Please sign up for classes by calling the: BFPD, 760-256-2254 or Dale F. Milligan, 760-985-5513.