

CERT

Community Emergency
Respond Team



CERT Battalion 4

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Westchester/ Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, Del Rey, Mar Vista

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What is CERT:

- *Community Emergency Response Team
- *Founded in L.A. in 1985 and now a nationwide & worldwide program
- *70,000 people trained since 1985
- *Taught by LAFD Firefighters over seven weeks, 1 day/night per week, 21 Hours
- *Designed to make the average citizen competent/ prepare to take care of themselves, their immediate families, and community-all in that order
- Classes are completely free

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List Of Classes

Class 1 - Introduction, Disaster Awareness

Class 2 - ICS and Disaster Psychology

Class 3 - Disaster Medical Operations 1

Class 4 - Disaster Medical Operations 2

Class 5 - Fire Suppression and Hazardous Materials

Class 6 - Light Search and Rescue

Class 7 - Terrorism & CERT





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After the classes:

- Continued training & refreshers
- Evolution of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Natural Training
- Takes essential disaster preparedness principles down to the neighborhood block level
- Form Neighborhood Disaster Teams
- Hold Monthly Pop-ups exercises all over the City
- Place Staging area boxes in neighborhoods

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Los Angeles County is ranked by FEMA as #1 in the entire country most at risk for a natural disaster

We are 100 years overdue for an earthquake 10x more powerful than Northridge

90% of survivors are rescued by fellow survivors



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Up coming events

- CERT Continuing Education:
- How to Prioritize Injured Survivors 3/18/26 7:00pm Virtual
- Venice Virtual Tsunami townhall 3/26/26 6:30 pm
- Venice Disaster Drill: In Person Penmar Rec Center Saturday 4/25/26 12:30 pm to 4:30pm
- Tsunami evacuation/Triage procedures
- Skills review Fire Prevention education Tues 4/28/26 6:30 pm in person Airport Police Station
- Fire extinguisher training

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Q & A

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