

Preparing our neighborhoods through
effective management of Community Emergency
Response Teams (CERT):

Rebuilding Connections and Renewing Oversight

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CERT Training

- Content provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Logistics – trainers, supplies, etc.
- Using community networks to identify trainees
- Opportunity to engage team leaders, increase community awareness and interest
- Developing standard operating procedures

ID Cards

- ID card design
- Member database
- Technical difficulties
- Distribution
- IDs for long-time members

CPR and First Aid Training

- Importance as a disaster response skill
- Working with the Red Cross
- Full training vs. Recertification

Citizen Corps Council

- Gives the community input into CERT program management and activities
- Members include CERT team leaders and city emergency management personnel
- May expand to represent local businesses, charities and health departments
- Goal of creating more opportunities for community involvement while relieving MOEM office of management tasks

Improving Oversight

- The internship program
 - Large-scale trainings
 - General program oversight
 - Administrative points of contact
- The battalion representatives
 - Growing team membership
 - Emergency and non-emergency deployment
- The Citizen Corps Council
 - Community outreach
 - Website management
 - Monthly trainings

Future Directions

- Increasing CERT team utilization
 - Community outreach
 - Large-scale events
 - Large-scale exercises
- Making CERT capabilities known
 - Emergency Operations Plan
 - Fire and Police Departments
- Monthly trainings and Workshops
- CERT “Train the Trainer”
- Website as primary method of communication and member tracking

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