

## When Disaster Strikes

The damage caused by natural disasters and man-made events - earthquakes, flooding, terrorism, etc. - can affect all elements of society and government. These events:

- ◆ Severely restrict or overwhelm our municipal resources; Fire, Police, Public Works, communications, transportation, and utilities.
- ◆ Leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.

It takes time for emergency response agencies to set up and prepare for an organized response. Damaged roads and disrupted communications systems may restrict their access into critically affected areas. During the initial period following a disaster (3-7 days or longer), individuals, households and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own resources for food, water, first aid, and shelter.

### The CERT Training Program Includes:

- ◆ Home and Workplace Preparedness
- ◆ Community Preparedness
- ◆ Reducing Fire Hazards at Home and at the Workplace
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Handling
- ◆ Fire Suppression Safety
- ◆ Treating Life-Threatening Conditions
- ◆ Triage
- ◆ Organizing Search and Rescue Operations
- ◆ Working with Survivors' Trauma
- ◆ Radio Communications
- ◆ Crowd/Traffic Control
- ◆ Disaster Simulation



## GARDEN GROVE CITIZEN CORPS

- ◆ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- ◆ Volunteers-in-Policing (VIPs)
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch

For CERT class schedules, application forms, and other information about any of the three Citizen Corps programs – **Look for the CERT link on the City of Garden Grove website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).**



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



## CERT = Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Individual preparedness, planning, survival skills, and mutual aid within neighborhoods and worksites during this initial period are essential measures in coping with the aftermath of a disaster.

The Garden Grove **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is designed to help those who live and work in our city prepare for effective disaster response through training and planning.

## The Purpose Of Garden Grove CERT Is To:

- ◆ **INSTRUCT** workers and residents of Garden Grove on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster.
- ◆ **ORGANIZE** neighbors to provide self-help in a disaster.
- ◆ **ASSIST** the City in its response to disasters through a disaster call-out system.

The Garden Grove Fire and Police Departments have organized a comprehensive training program. **Training will be accomplished in the following manner:**

- ◆ Firefighters and Paramedics will instruct a curriculum prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It will include Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, End of Course Review, and a Disaster Simulation.
- ◆ Police Officers will instruct a locally developed curriculum on Terrorism, Radio Communications, Traffic, and Crowd Control.

To contact Garden Grove CERT  
(714) 741-5600  
cert@ci.garden-grove.ca.us



## CERT Mutual Aid Program

Garden Grove CERT is a member of **Orange County CMAP** (CERT Mutual Aid Program).

The purpose of CMAP is to provide CERT Mutual Aid to cities within Orange County in the event of a disaster.

### Objectives:

1. Establish a list of available CERT resources for mutual aid response.
2. To create a master calendar of "Basic" and "Advanced" CERT training and events being offered throughout the county and local area.
3. Establish CMAP Subcommittees:
  - A. Advisory Group
  - B. Training Committee
  - C. Promotions/Citizen Awareness
4. Have each city provide cost analysis of their CERT classes and other CERT equipment expenses for Local, State, and Federal grant funding consideration.

The CMAP is in its beginning stages, and has great potential to be an organization that will bring unity and strength to each individual city's CERT program, with many more opportunities for training, funding and response than we would have on our own.



## Who Can Join? What Does It Cost?

- ◆ Individuals 18 years of age and above who live or work in Garden Grove are eligible.
- ◆ Training is FREE.

## Disaster Specialist Workers

CERT personnel are registered California Disaster Service Workers covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance and Good Samaritan laws while on official CERT duty.

## Become A CERT Member

1. **DOWNLOAD** the CERT Application at [http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/internet/pdf/cert\\_application.pdf](http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/internet/pdf/cert_application.pdf)
2. **FILL IT OUT** and
3. **MAIL** to the address on the application

You will be contacted with the dates of the next scheduled CERT training class.

## How CERTS Operate

- ◆ CERT provides an effective first-response capability. Acting as individuals first, then as members of teams, trained CERT volunteers can fan out within their assigned areas, extinguishing small fires, turning off natural gas inlets to damaged homes, performing light search and rescue, and rendering basic medical treatment.
- ◆ CERT- trained volunteers also offer an important potential workforce to service organizations in non-hazardous functions such as shelter operation, crowd and traffic control, and evacuation.