



## CERT Syllabus

### **Class 1 - Introduction, CERT Overview and Disaster Preparedness**

Unit 1 covers the roles and responsibilities for community preparedness, personal preparedness and the role of CERTs.

### **Class 2 – CERT Organization and Incident Command System**

Unit 6 discusses CERT organization, rescuer safety, documentation and team organization and communication.

### **Class 3 – Fire Safety and Suppression & Hazardous Materials**

Unit 2 covers fire chemistry, fire and utility hazards, how to operate a fire extinguisher, fire suppression safety, and hazardous materials.

#### **– Medical Operations Part 1**

Unit 3 teaches how to recognize life-threatening conditions and how to perform triage.

### **Class 4 – Medical Operations Part 2**

Unit 4 discusses public health considerations such as hygiene and sanitation, medical treatment areas, patient evaluation, and the basic treatment of burns, wounds, fractures, etc.

### **Class 5 – Light Search & Rescue**

Unit 5 incorporates everything learned in the previous units and adds situation size-up, victim searches and simulated rescue operations.

### **Class 6 – Disaster Psychology; Terrorism; Review and Graduation**

Unit 7 discusses the psychological impact of a disaster on both victims and rescuers.

Unit 8 defines terrorism, terrorists' targets and weapons, and discusses ways to prepare for a terrorist incident.

Unit 9 provides a review of the class material, including a hands-on review of some Medical Operations techniques, followed by a presentation of Certificates of Completion.