



**Ventura County Fire Protection District**  
**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING**



“Be Prepared Enough to Help Your Neighbor”  
Upcoming CERT Course  
Aug. 18, - Sept. 25, 2010

**When:** Wednesday evenings 6:30pm – 9:00pm, August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22  
**Where:** Port Hueneme City Hall 250 N. Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, CA. 93041

Final exercise 8:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday Sept. 25, 2010  
Ventura County Fire Department, Regional Training Center  
102 Durley Ave. Camarillo, 93010

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**Overview:**

The Ventura County Fire Protection District (VCFPD) in coordination with the City of Port Hueneme and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will assist residents with disaster preparedness education and training through a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for emergency services typically rendered. The local population will have to rely on each other for help to meet their immediate life saving, and life sustaining needs. The Community Emergency Response Training is a program that focuses on that preparedness.

**CERT Training:**

CERT is offered “free” with a minimum of 25 students or more per class. Students must be over the age of 18 or have as signed release by a parent/guardian if aged 16-17.

CERT training is usually delivered in 2-1/2 hour sessions, once a week over a 7-week period and includes an all day disaster simulation. The training is conducted by trained Fire Department staff. CERT training consists of:

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| 1) Disaster Preparedness                | 4) Light Search and Rescue |
| 2) Fire Safety                          | 5) CERT Organization       |
| 3) Disaster Medical Operations I and II | 6) Disaster Psychology     |
|   | 7) Terrorism               |

The training ends with a disaster simulation and participants receive a CERT kit and graduation certificate upon completion.

**How CERT Teams Operate**

The CERT program teaches trained volunteers to respond in their neighborhood or within their particular location. They are trained to extinguish small fires, turn off natural gas inlets, perform light search and rescue, and render basic first aid. Trained volunteers also offer an important potential workforce in non-hazardous functions such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation.

*\* Missed classes must be made up by attending the class/unit you missed with instructor signature prior to receiving final certificate. For countywide schedule and a make up form visit <http://fire.countyofventura.org/cert>*