

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?



WHY TAKE A CERT TRAINING CLASS?

Well, it's like paying for car insurance. You might never need it; in fact you hope you won't. But if the occasion arise, having the CERT training, just like having car insurance, means you're as ready as you can be to help yourself, your family you're your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

The Vallejo Fire Department now offers a CERT Program to its citizens. The program is designed as a neighborhood based program. It also enables neighborhoods to assess and help themselves until emergency responders arrive. CERT training involves 7 four hour classes over six weeks for a total of 28 hours. Classes are held in the evenings from 6pm to 10pm once a week. The classes cover several different topics including personal and household emergency preparedness, Fire Safety and Utility Control, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Safety and Situational Awareness and end the course with hands on drills and written test. Currently the Vallejo Fire Department CERT program has trained over 175 citizens. This course is funded by a FEMA grant and Measure B. and is free to citizens of Vallejo. neighborhood watch group members have attended the training and see that there is a cross over between the two groups and that it makes good sense.

We are currently funded for the next few years and the Fire Chief is committed to providing this training to the citizens of Vallejo.



CERT Course Class Topics

- Personal & Family Preparedness
- Earthquake Preparation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Medical Operations
- Medical Triage
- Damage Assessment
- Fire Suppression
- Fire Chemistry
- Hazardous Materials
- Utility Control
- Light Search & Rescue
- Full Disaster Simulation



IF A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HITS, DO YOU...

- Have enough supplies for a minimum of 72 hours and up to an entire month for all family members, including pets?
- Know how to turn off the gas?
- Know how to safely turn off the power?
- Know how to apply first aid?
- Have enough water for all of your family and your pets?
- Have provisions for living outside of your home for an extended length of time if the structure is compromised?

New CERT Classes September, 2013

We are currently accepting applications for our two upcoming classes. Our "Tuesday" class will begin on September 10th & our "Thursday" class on September 12th. Each class will run for six weeks from 6pm to 10pm with a final for both classes on Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 1pm. Classes will be held at the Vallejo Fire Department's Training Center at 703 Curtola Parkway.

There is a limit of 20 participants per class. You must be a citizen of Vallejo and be at least 18 years old to participate. If you are interested in signing up for either of these classes, you may contact our Fire Prevention office at 555 Santa Clara St., 2nd Floor or email Shirley at sherbert@ci.vallejo.ca.us to obtain an application.