

City of El Segundo CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

CERT Training Classes are starting Wednesday, May 15, 2013

The El Segundo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during practical exercises, CERT members can then assist others in their neighborhood or workplace immediately following an event when professional emergency responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT training is provided using a nationally recognized curriculum approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Participants will learn how to:

- Identify and anticipate hazards in the community
 Conduct light search and rescue operations
- Reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace
- Extinguish small fires
- Assist emergency responders

- Set up medical treatment areas
- Provide disaster first aid
- Help reduce survivor stress

Those that complete the 19-hour* course are recognized by receiving a certificate of completion. CERT training is provided free of charge, but preregistration is required for each class. CERT training is offered to citizens of El Segundo and employees of businesses within the City. A minimum of 15 participants is required for each class. Registration is taken on an on-going basis.

The class schedule dates, times, and locations are as follows:

DATE	TIME	CLASS	LOCATION
May 15 th	6-9 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness	Fire Station 2: 2261 E. Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo
May 22nd	6-9 p.m.	Disaster Medical 1 and 2	Fire Station 2: 2261 E. Mariposa Avenue
May 29 th	6-9 p.m.	Light Search and Rescue, CERT Organization, and Disaster Psychology	Fire Station 2: 2261 E. Mariposa Avenue
June 5 th	6-9 p.m.	Terrorism/Fire Safety/Review	Fire Station 2: 2261 E. Mariposa Avenue
June 8 th	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Fire Safety, Search and Rescue – Final Exercise	Class will begin at Fire Station 2 at 8 a.m. and arrange to carpool over to the Chevron Refinery training area.

Register by e-mailing Denise Davis at ddavis@elsegundo.org or call (310) 524-2252. Please include your name, phone number, and email address if you leave a message. Class size is limited – sign up today to reserve your seat.

*Students must complete all 19 hours of the course to receive a certificate of completion. If you must miss any class, you can take it at a following training or anywhere CERT is taught to receive the certificate.