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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CLASS**

January 7, 2014...San Clemente, California...The City of San Clemente is seeking participants for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. Residents and members of the business community will learn basic skills to save lives and protect property in the aftermath of a major disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available. This includes training in basic disaster skills such as preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and terrorism awareness.

The class meets on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning on February 4, 2014 and finishing with a half-day drill on Saturday, March 22, 2014. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> training session offered by the City, in partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. Participants are required to attend all class sessions. Program graduates are invited to join the City's CERT Team.

To register, or obtain additional information, please contact Katie Carpenter, Management Analyst, Emergency Planning at (949) 361-6109 or at [CERT@san-clemente.org](mailto:CERT@san-clemente.org).

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*(Detailed class schedule attached)*

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class Schedule**

**Session 1– Disaster Preparedness:** Tuesday, 2/4/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Optional Session– First Aid/CPR/AED: Saturday\***, 2/8/14 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Session 2– Disaster Fire Suppression:** Tuesday, 2/11/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Session 3– Disaster Medical Operations Part 1:** Tuesday, 2/18/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Session 4– Disaster Medical Operations Part 2:** Tuesday, 2/25/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Session 5– Light Search and Rescue Operations:** Tuesday, 3/4/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Session 6– Disaster Psychology & Terrorism Awareness:** Tuesday, 3/11/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Session 7– Radio Communications & Team Operations:** Tuesday, 3/18/14 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Course Review & Disaster Simulation:** Saturday, 3/22/14 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.