

SAN CLEMENTE CERT TEAM

San Clemente's City Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a group of local citizens trained as volunteers to prepare for and respond to a disaster where individuals like you can make a difference. CERT is a nationally recognized program designed for readiness, neighbor helping neighbor in the event of a crisis when emergency services may be overwhelmed or not immediately available. The main goal of CERT is to help residents learn the skills and confidence to safely help others in need without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

CERT trained individuals learn how to prepare a disaster plan and kit; manage utilities; put out small fires; search, rescue and triage survivors; organize a medical treatment area and provide life-saving first aid. In addition, CERT students are taught the ability to recognize terrorist activity and how to report it, and finally be given an understanding of the emotional toll of a crisis.

San Clemente CERT is a City supported volunteer organization, with two elected leaders and a steering committee to oversee and manage the membership group including city employees, people from local businesses, industry and students. Active members attend bi-monthly meetings and CERT trainings, as well as participate in community events and PR opportunities.

By working together, CERT members can help save lives and protect property. The SC CERT Team welcomes residents who desire the skills, knowledge and leadership required to prepare for and respond to the initial phase of an unexpected crisis. With training, practice, and working as a team, you will be able to protect yourself and maximize your ability to "do the greatest good for the greatest number".

When an unexpected disaster strikes, will YOU be ready?