



The CORE Program: New Updates!

The Emergency Management Services Division [EMSD] breathes new life into OFD's CORE Program - introduces the FEMA/CERT Training Curriculum.

Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies [CORE] is a free emergency preparedness and response training program offered by the City of Oakland Fire Department. This year the CORE program has a goal of equipping 120 Oaklanders with the skills needed to lead their communities in times of declared emergency or disaster through Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] training.

You can help us #ReadyOakland. Become more resilient and fast-track your neighborhoods post disaster recovery by getting trained as a CERT Leader in Oakland.

Upon completing the FEMA - CERT training course, participants should be able to take the necessary steps to safely secure themselves and their families. Beyond that, CERT Trained Volunteers are prepared for and expected to lead their communities by supporting larger, government led responses.

CERT graduates will be able to; recognize life-threatening conditions and apply appropriate life-saving techniques, conduct patient head-to-toe assessments, employ basic treatment for injuries, and understand disaster medical operations. CERT participants should be able to identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods and also perform basic fire suppression strategies and safety measures.

In addition to the above, trained CERT Volunteers will also be able to describe the post-disaster emotional environment and the steps that volunteers can take to relieve their own stressors and those of disaster survivors. The FEMA - CERT curriculum will describe the most common techniques associated with light search and rescue operations including identifying damage, planning and size-up requirements, searching a structure, debris removal, survivor extrication, and rescuer safety. This curriculum also helps to explain current terrorism trends and the measures CERT volunteers can take to increase preparedness before and safety during, a terrorism incident.

CERT Training is available for Teens and Adults.

CERT Classes begin on February 5, 2021.

Registration for Session One will open on January 25, 2021.

All future updates regarding the CORE Program and CERT Training in Oakland will be posted [online, here.](#)



Scan the QR code to get trained to serve your community as an Oakland CERT Volunteer!