CERT training consists of the following classes:

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Instructs team members how to prepare themselves and their community for the various types of hazards that may occur.

FIRE SUPPRESSION: Covers fire chemistry, fire hazards, and fire suppression strategies.

MEDICAL OPERATIONS PART I: Participants practice diagnosing and treating airway obstructions, bleeding, and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques.

MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART II: Covers evaluating patients, establishing a medical treatment area, and performing basic first aid.

LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE: Participants learn light search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.

TEAM ORGANIZATION AND DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY: Addresses CERT organization and management principles necessary for a CERT to operate successfully. Covers signs and symptoms that might be experienced by the disaster victim and worker.

TERRORISM AND HOMELAND DEFENSE: Do’s and don’ts during a terrorist act and homeland defense tips.

COURSE REVIEW AND DISASTER SIMULATION: Participants review the course and practice the skills that they have learned during the previous seven sessions in a disaster simulation.