

The Alexandria Office of Emergency Management offers residents of the City of Alexandria the opportunity to join with other concerned members of the community to be trained as a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program teaches City residents how to help themselves and their neighbors increase their neighborhoods' disaster readiness by performing essential tasks that aid in disaster recovery and response.

Two CERT classes will be conducted in the Fall. Participants attend one class each week for eight weeks on either Monday or Wednesday night. The ninth and final class is held on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in participating in the CERT training please call Kim Purcell at 703.706-3940 ext. 231 or e-mail her at <kim.purcell@alexandriava.gov>.

Classes will be held:

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., running on Monday nights and Wednesday nights.

Students will be assigned as follows:

Monday night classes begin September 14, 2009 and conclude November 2, 2009.

Wednesday night classes begin September 9, 2009 and conclude October 28, 2009.

CERT Training Schedule:

Wednesday, September 9 th	Module 1: Disaster Preparedness
Monday, September 14 th	Module 1: Disaster Preparedness
Wednesday, September 16 th	Module 2: Introduction to Fire Safety
Monday, September 21 st	Module 2: Introduction to Fire Safety
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Module 3: Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1
Monday, September 28 th	Module 3: Disaster Medical Operations- Part 1
Wednesday, September 30 th	Module 4: Disaster Medical Operations -Part 2
Monday, October 5 th	Module 4: Disaster Medical Operations- Part 2
Wednesday, October 7 th	Module 5: Light Search & Rescue Operations
Tuesday, October 13 th	Module 5: Light Search & Rescue Operations
Wednesday, October 14 th	Module 6: CERT Organization
Monday, October 19 th	Module 6: CERT Organization
Wednesday, October 21 st	Module 7: Disaster Psychology
Monday, October 26 th	Module 7: Disaster Psychology
Wednesday, October 28 th	Module 8: Terrorism and CERT
Monday, November 2 nd	Module 8: Terrorism and CERT

Saturday, November 7th

Module 9: Simulation/Graduation (8:00 a.m.- 12 noon)