

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
BASIC TRAINING COURSE
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	PAGE
Introduction and Overview	
Acknowledgements.....	1
Community Preparedness.....	3
When Disaster Strikes.....	4
About Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training	4
How CERTs Operate	5
Course Overview and Objectives	6
Course Agenda.....	7
After <i>CERT Basic Training</i>	10
 Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness	
Introduction and Unit Overview	1-1
Community Preparedness: Roles and Responsibilities	1-3
Hazards and Their Potential Impact	1-7
Impact on the Infrastructure	1-9
Home and Workplace Preparedness.....	1-13
Reducing the Impact of Hazards Through Mitigation.....	1-28
CERT Disaster Response	1-32
Protection for Disaster Workers	1-36
Additional Training for CERTs.....	1-38
Unit Summary	1-39
Homework Assignment	1-40
Additional Materials	
Appendix 1-A: Hazard Lesson Plans	
 Unit 2: Fire Safety	
Introduction and Unit Overview	2-1
Fire Chemistry.....	2-4
Fire and Utility Hazards.....	2-6
CERT Sizeup	2-12
Fire Sizeup Considerations	2-16
Firefighting Resources	2-17
Fire Suppression Safety.....	2-27
Hazardous Materials	2-30
Exercise: Suppressing Small Fires.....	2-36
Unit Summary	2-37
Homework Assignment	2-38

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
 BASIC TRAINING COURSE
 TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	PAGE
 Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations—Part 1	
Introduction and Unit Overview	3-1
Treating Life-Threatening Conditions	3-4
Triage	3-19
Unit Summary	3-27
Homework Assignment	3-28
 Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations—Part 2	
Introduction and Unit Overview	4-1
Public Health Considerations	4-2
Functions of Disaster Medical Operations	4-4
Establishing Medical Treatment Areas	4-6
Conducting Head-to-Toe Assessments	4-14
Treating Burns	4-20
Wound Care.....	4-25
Treating Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains, and Strains	4-27
Nasal Injuries	4-35
Treating Cold-Related Injuries.....	4-36
Treating Heat-Related Injuries	4-39
Bites and Stings	4-41
Unit Summary	4-42
Homework Assignment	4-43
 Unit 5: Light Search and Rescue Operations	
Introduction and Unit Overview	5-1
Safety During Search and Rescue Operations	5-4
Conducting Interior and Exterior Search Operations	5-22
Conducting Rescue Operations	5-27
Unit Summary	5-44
Homework Assignment	5-45
 Unit 6: CERT Organization	
Introduction and Unit Overview	6-1
CERT Organization	6-2
CERT Mobilization	6-11
Documentation.....	6-14
Activity: ICS Functions	6-29
Activity: Tabletop Exercise	6-32
Unit Summary	6-33
Homework Assignment	6-33

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
BASIC TRAINING COURSE
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	PAGE
Unit 7: Disaster Psychology	
Introduction and Unit Overview	7-1
Disaster Trauma	7-2
Team Well-Being	7-4
Working with Survivors' Trauma.....	7-7
Unit Summary	7-12
Homework Assignment	7-13
Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT	
Introduction and Unit Overview	8-1
What is Terrorism?.....	8-2
Terrorist Targets	8-3
Terrorist Weapons	8-4
CBRNE Indicators.....	8-10
Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood.....	8-12
CERTs and Terrorist Incidents	8-14
Activity: Applying CERT Principles to a Suspected Terrorist Incident	8-18
Unit Summary	8-19
Homework Assignment	8-20
Unit 9: Course Review and Disaster Simulation	
Course Review.....	9-1
CERT Basic Training Final Exam	9-5
Disaster Simulation	9-18
Course Summary	9-20