

CERT Frequently Asked Questions

What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program provides training by Hayward Fire Department Personnel to Hayward residents and residents within the Fairview Fire Protection District, so that they will be more self-sufficient in a disaster. Participants learn skills that will enable them to provide emergency assistance to their families and immediate neighbors as well as organize a neighborhood team response. Course will cover the following:

Earthquake Awareness and Disaster Preparedness
Utility Control, Disaster Fire Suppression and Hazardous Material Awareness
Light Search and Rescue
Disaster Medicine
Disaster Exercise (hands on drill)

How much does the CERT program cost?

There is no charge for the course. The only cost incurred may be in upgrading your disaster supply kit at home. (Food, water, tools etc.)

When is the program offered?

We offer two 5-week classes per year

How long are the classes and where is it held?

The classes are held at Fire Station 6, 1401 West Winton Ave from 6:00-9:00pm. They are held one night a week for 5 consecutive weeks. The first 4 classes are classroom style and the final class is a hands on drill.

How do I sign up?

All you need to do is call telephone number (510) 293-8689. Leave your name and telephone number and someone will get back to you with the next class schedule. You must be 18 years or older to sign up.

Who teaches the classes?

The classes are taught by Hayward Fire Department personnel.

Do I need any special skills to join?

No, just the willingness to learn the skills necessary to survive a disaster.

What do I get when I graduate?

Every participant will receive a student manual filled with disaster tips and vital information regarding light search and rescue, fire suppression and general first aid. Upon completion of the 5-week course you will receive a helmet, vest and a certificate of completion.