



**Learn How to Prepare for a Disaster...  
Learn How to Help your Community During a Disaster...**

Your Santa Maria Fire Department will be presenting a 28-hour course in Disaster Preparedness. This course will meet six Tuesday nights from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM and two Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

**Module 1  
Disaster Preparedness  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will teach you what to do prior to a disaster. You will learn about forming a neighborhood response team to respond to emergencies when local assistance is not available.

**Module 2  
Fire Suppression  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will teach you about the chemistry of fire and hazardous materials. How to evaluate a fire and take action to extinguish a fire using a portable fire extinguisher.

**Module 3 & 4:  
Disaster Medical Operations  
Saturday  
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

This module will teach you the basics of treatment of life-threatening emergencies, techniques for moving injured persons, and basic first aid techniques.

**Module 5:  
Light Search & Rescue  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will teach you search and rescue planning, situation size-up, and systematic search. Safe lifting techniques, leveraging, cribbing and identification of construction hazards

**Module 6  
CERT Organization  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will teach you the role CERT members play in the community emergency plan. You will also be introduced to the forms needed to document actions taken in service to our community

**Module 7:  
Disaster Psychology  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will give you an overview of the various psychological issues people may experience as a result of a disaster. This includes both rescuers and victims.

**Module 8:  
Terrorism and CERT  
Tuesday  
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

This module will give you an overview of terrorism-related issues and how CERT members can play a vital role during a terrorism incident.

**Module 9:  
Course Overview and Disaster Exercise  
Saturday  
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

This module will review the information you have learned and then you will be presented with a disaster scenario to allow you to exercise your newly acquired skills.

**For more information, or to sign-up for this class, call your Santa Maria Fire Department at 925-0951, extension 255.**