

CERT refresher training for 2009

In an effort to keep our alumni list up to date and alumni trained with at least an annual refresher, the Fire Department and RBCERTAA agreed that a mandatory training to stay active as alumni would be required. There will be two mandatory trainings in 2009. In order to stay on the e-mailing list, updated on training classes and considered for a call out list you need to attend at least one of these two trainings. *The first will be Sunday, April 26, 2009 10:00AM – 3:00PM and the last Saturday, November 7, 2009.*

Message from Captain Dan Bliss, Redondo Beach Fire Department:

“This year CERT training will be held on Sunday April 26 and Saturday November 7. Our focus this year is on more realistic hands-on training. Topics will include first aid review, tools and rescue techniques, utilities, fire control and leadership roles.

I encourage anyone interested in volunteering to attend one or both of our trainings. This year I will start registering CERT volunteers as Disaster service workers. Registration is required prior to any volunteer offering services during a disaster, and a disaster is not the time to register volunteers.

Registration is easy to do. Any CERT member that attends either training will have the opportunity to fill out the Disaster Service Worker form, pose for a photo and take an oath. Registrations are valid for one year. All records shall stay in the custody of the Redondo Beach Fire Department. Having records on file protects the CERT member who might become injured while assisting the Redondo Beach Fire Department during CERT activations.

Remember that CERT does not require anyone to respond during an emergency. CERT training helps prepare Citizens to care for themselves and their families during a disaster. Only after your homes and families are secure would the Fire Department ask anyone to volunteer.

I would like to thank all CERT alumni for your dedication to disaster preparedness. Hope to see all of you at the training.”

*Captain Dan Bliss
Redondo Beach Fire Department*