



COURSE OUTLINE
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Board Approval: 12/11/07

1. Course Information. Course Initiator: George Walters

Subject Area and Course Number: FST 229		Course Title: CERT - Community Emergency Response Team			
New Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/>	Static ID I22907	TOP Code 2133.00	Credit Status Request For Credit-Degree applicable		
Classification Code I=Occupational Education	SAM Code C=Clearly occupational		Course prior to college level Y=Not applicable		
Noncredit category Choose one:	Meets a unique need: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Course duplicated: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demand/Enrollment Potential: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Transfer request C=Non-transferable	Articulation request: UC <input type="checkbox"/> CSU <input type="checkbox"/> CSU-GE <input type="checkbox"/> IGETC <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/>				

2. Some or all aspects of this course may be delivered in a Distance Education mode: Yes No
 If checked yes, all questions pertaining to Distance Education must be answered.
3. This course has laboratory or clinic/field hours: Yes No
 If checked yes, this outline must include a list of laboratory or clinic/field activities or topics.
4. This course has prerequisites, co-requisites, or advisories: Yes No
 If checked yes, please complete a [Prerequisite Justification Form](#).
5. Curriculum Committee Approval Date: 11/15/07
6. After Curriculum Committee approval, the following is to be completed by the Office of Instruction:

TRANSFER APPROVAL STATUS	ARTICULATION APPROVAL STATUS					
Approval Pending		Not Requested	Date of Submission	Approval Pending	Approval Denied	Date Approved
UC		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CSU		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CSU-GE		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IGETC		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CAN		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course is an array of community emergency response techniques. It is designed for those who wish to serve in a volunteer setting in support of public response agencies. The training covers an array of emergency response strategies, tactics and methods for operations before, during and after disasters. You will have the opportunity during the course to use your skills and knowledge of CERT organization and operations in a simulated disaster exercise. This course is repeatable. This course may be offered as P/NP.

UNITS: .5-1

FACE TO FACE: 18-24 Hours Per Week: Lecture: 10-16 Laboratory: 8 Clinic/Field:

DISTANCE EDUCATION: N/A

ENTRY LEVEL SKILLS, PRE-REQUISITES, CO-REQUISITES AND ADVISORIES:

None

OBJECTIVES and LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

The student will be able to articulate to the instructor the basic elements of disaster preparedness

The student will be able to describe to the instructor elementary fire safety components

The student will describe how to treat life-threatening conditions

The student will be able to discuss the basic of triage

The student will be able to describe for the instructor the following:

Public Health Considerations, Functions of Disaster Medical Operations, Conducting Head-to-Toe

Assessments, Treating Burns, Treating Fractures, Sprains, and Strains, Splinting, Treating Heat Stroke

The student will be able to describe to the instructor light search and rescue procedures

The student will describe the CERT Incident Command System

The student will be able to describe to the instructor disaster psychology

The student will be able to describe to the instructor terrorism and the CERT role in such an event

The student will participate in a disaster simulation

COURSE OUTLINE AND SCOPE:

1. Outline of Topics or Content:

Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness

Unit 2: Fire Safety

Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations—Part 1

Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations—Part 2

Unit 5: Light Search and Rescue Operations

UNIT 6: CERT ORGANIZATION

Unit 7: Disaster Psychology

Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT

Unit 9: Course Review and Disaster Simulation

2. If a course contains laboratory or clinic/field hours, list activities or topics:

None

3. Examples of Reading Assignments:

Chapter reading out of assigned texts
Journal articles

4. Examples of Writing Assignments:

Daily journal
Essays

5. Appropriate Assignments to be completed outside of class:

As assigned by the instructor

6. Appropriate Assignments that demonstrate critical thinking:

In an overhead question setting discuss the methods for size-up, safety considerations and tactics at various type emergencies

7. Other Assignments:

None

8. Indicate any assignments that are unique to the Distance Education mode of delivery:

N/A

METHOD OF EVALUATION—FACE TO FACE:

CERT Exam or field exercise
Oral and/or written quizzes

METHOD OF EVALUATION—DISTANCE EDUCATION:

N/A

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION—FACE TO FACE:

CERT instructional material
CERT PowerPoint and videos

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION—DISTANCE EDUCATION:

N/A

REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS, AND OTHER READING AND STUDY MATERIALS:

This section shall include author(s), title, and current publication date of all representative materials.

CERT Student Manual

VENDORS

Palo Verde College Bookstore, One College Drive, Blythe, CA 92225

www.paloverde.edu Ph. 760-921-5429

CFCA California Fire Chief's Association Bookstore, 727 Center Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

www.calchiefs.org Ph. 800-733-2314

ICC International Code Council, 5360 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, CA 90601

www.iccsafe.org Ph. 800-284-4406

FPP Fire Protection Publications, 930 North Willis, Stillwater, OK 74078-8045

www.ifsta.org Ph. 800-654-4055

* SFT State Fire Training Bookstore, PO Box 944246, 1131 S Street, Sacramento 94244

www.fire.ca.gov Ph. 916-445-8158

CERT Downloads

<https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/downloads/training>

For additional information visit the CERT home page

www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

FEMA www.fema.gov/about/contact/index.shtm

SIGNATURES:

COURSE INITIATOR: _____ **DATE:** _____

LIBRARY: _____ **DATE:** _____

CHAIR OF CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: _____ **DATE:** _____

SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT: _____ **DATE:** _____