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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) CLASSES

Seal Beach, CA – The City of Seal Beach, the Seal Beach Police Department, and the West County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team will be hosting a Basic CERT training class beginning in July 2026.

West County CERT is comprised of volunteers who live and/or work in Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Westminster, and the attached communities. CERT educates people in disaster preparedness for events that may impact their area and provides basic disaster response skills. CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in projects in their community.

The 20-hour FEMA-approved course includes training in Disaster Preparedness, Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Suppression, Team Organization and Emotional First Aid.

Training will be held at the Joint Forces Training Base – Building 244, 11200 Lexington Drive, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. The training schedule will be comprised of two weekend training sessions:

- Friday, July 31, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 7, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attendance at all four training days is required to complete the academy. This training is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Individuals ages 16 and 17 may participate with parent or guardian permission, and those ages 13 to 15 may attend with a parent or guardian participating alongside them.

Following completion of the Basic CERT class, participants may pursue advanced CERT training opportunities and volunteer in support of community preparedness initiatives, planned events, and disaster response operations throughout the West Orange County region.

The cost of the academy is \$25, which covers training supplies and materials. To register or obtain additional information, email WestCountyCertAcademy@gmail.com or call (714) 229-6625.

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