



San Diego Fire-Rescue Department CERT San Diego (Community Emergency Response Team) June 2006

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CERT San Diego offers tuition-free disaster preparedness academies to residents in the City of San Diego, reaching half of San Diego County, the fourth largest county in America. CERT San Diego is a public/private partnership program managed by the City of San Diego and employing the county's only full time CERT Program Manager.

In its first two years, CERT San Diego has graduated 542 citizens as certified Disaster Service Workers (national DSW accreditation) and built 18 community-based CERT teams, in all eight City Council districts. Initially, citizens impacted by the Cedar fires (Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta and Navajo) were the first citizens to train in CERT and form teams. CERT San Diego's graduation load has increased dramatically over time and we have broadened our reach to include many high risk communities throughout San Diego. Our goal is to reach and teach the City population and to build community based volunteer disaster teams to aid their neighbors when it is needed most.

Spring 2006 achievements:

- ▶ We taught our first sponsored BERT (Business CERT) classes with Qualcomm (February and May). On June 7, the second of two spring Qualcomm (Q-CERT) classes graduates after a final intensive disaster drill simulating a multi-casualty event, with damaged buildings, burning fires, fallen walls and a victim transport with the San Diego Fire-Rescue helicopter. A festive Q-CERT graduation ceremony will be attended by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, Qualcomm executives and the Jill Olen, City of San Diego's Director of the Office of Homeland Security.
- ▶ On June 3, CERT San Diego hosts the region's first countywide CERT drill at its Fire-Rescue training facility, which bring together 165 CERT members from throughout the county and 16 city and rural jurisdictions.
- ▶ CERT San Diego broke the 500 graduate mark on May 6, 2006—with 506 CERT grads; and with the Q0CERT graduation on June 7, the roster is now 542.
- ▶ In March 2006, CERT San Diego graduated an all time high of 142 students in one week—101 from the volunteer community (Academy 8) and 41 from Qualcomm BERT (Business) training
- ▶ In the first five months of 2006, CERT San Diego trained nearly 100 more citizens than it did in all of 2005, and almost tripled its graduate rate in 2004.

GRADUATES TO DATE **542 as of June 7, 2006**

2004 GRADS	97
2005 GRADS	181
Jan-May 2006 CERT academies	264 students (5 months)

2004 CERT TEAMS	2
2005 CERT TEAMS	10

2006 CERT SAN DIEGO ACADEMIES:

8 th academy- 6 weeks	Jan-March 2006 - 101 students
Qualcomm CERT (9 th academy)	Feb. 2006 – 41 students
10 th academy – fast-tracked	April 2006- at UTC Westfield – 53 students
11 th academy – fast-tracked	May 2006 – 30 students
Qualcomm CERT (12 th academy)	May 2006 – 36 students
13 th academy-6 weeks	Fall 2006

CERT SAN DIEGO GRADUATES as of June 7, 2006:

Council District	Community Team	GRADUATES
CD 1	North Coastal -La Jolla, UTC, Univ City, Carmel Valley	25
CD 1	Carmel Valley CERT	11
CD 1	UCSD CERT	15
CD 1, 5	North Inland -RB, Penasquitos, Sabre Springs	37
CD 1	Q CERT (QUALCOMM - 58 also serve community teams)	77
CD 2	Downtown	6
CD 2,6	Beach Areas -OB, PB, MB, Point Loma	29
CD 3	Mid City – Univ Hts, Hillcrest, Normal Hts, Talmadge	69
CD 4	Southeast SD -Encanto, Lincoln Park, Emerald Hills	16
CD 1, 5	SBC –Sorrento Mesa	30
CD 5	Scripps Ranch	58
CD 5	Mira Mesa, Carmel Mtn Ranch	20
CD 7	SDSU CERT	5
CD 6	North City- Serra & Kearny Mesa, Clairemont, Mission Valley	51
CD 7	Navajo -San Carlos, Allied Gardens, Del Cerro	44
CD 7	Tierrasanta	63
CD 8	South Bay - Nestor, San Ysidro	9
ALL	Ham Radio Team	28
TOTAL		542

Funding Update

Effective July 1, 2006, Mayor Jerry Sanders and San Diego City Council approved \$140,730 (more than half of the CERT San Diego budget), in FY 07 as the City's first annual line item funding for CERT San Diego, ensuring its permanent program status. Grants, business CERT fees and donations will support the remainder of the budget and allow for growth. CERT San Diego serves supports the San Diego County CERT Council (SDCCC) and Citizens Corps Councils. In 2006, \$11,863 was allocated by SDCCC to CERT San Diego. CERT San Diego was created in January 2004 with a \$250,000 two-year grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

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