



San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team Online CERT Course – Study Guide UNIT 2

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CERT Organization – Unit 2

- Principles of on-scene management
 - Maintain safety of disaster workers
 - Provide leadership and organizational structure
 - Improve the effectiveness of rescue efforts
- On-scene management
 - Management structure
 - Manageable span of control
 - Common terminology
 - Consolidated action plans
 - Comprehensive resource management
 - Accountability
- Objectives
 - Identify scope of incident
 - Determine overall strategy
 - Deploy resources
 - Document actions and results
- Incident Command System
 - Incident Commander = TL (team leader) – takes direction from agency officials, directs team activities, is usually the first to arrive at the command post
 - Command Staff: public information officer (PIO), safety officer, liaison officer
 - General Staff: Operations section chief, Intelligence/Investigations section chief, Planning section chief, Finance/Administration section chief, Logistics section chief
 - Media inquiries goes to the TL and to the Public Information Officer (PIO) of the sponsoring organization
 - NIMS – National Incident Management System

- CERT Mobilization
 - Take care of self, family, neighbors
 - Go to predesignated staging area; set up command post
 - TL organizes the group and prioritizes actions
 - Organization is flexible and evolves based on new information
- Size-up – Knowledge check
 - Gather facts
 - Assess damage
 - Consider probabilities
 - Assess your situation
 - Establish priorities
 - Make decisions
 - Develop a plan of action
 - Take action
 - Evaluate progress
- Size-up damage Knowledge check
 - Heavy damage – no rescue
 - Moderate damage – locate, assess, evacuate
 - Light damage – locate, assess, continue size-up
- Forms – Knowledge check
 - Arriving CERT – damage assessment form
 - Command Post – assignment tracking Log
 - Communication – Log
 - Staging / Logistics – personnel resources sign in
 - Functional Teams – incident briefing & Unit Log (aka: Form 214)
 - Victim treatment area – victim treatment area record
 - Equipment – inventory
- Test
 - Media – CERT refer to Team Leader
 - Staging Area – first on scene
 - 3. NIMS
 - 4. Documenting is important – false
 - 5. CERT on scene management – consolidated action plan, accountability, effective communication
 - 6. Rescuer safety – true