

The course consists of 20 hours of training two nights a week for the next four weeks. Classes are taught by trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and EMT's.

The course agenda is as follows:

- Week 1** **Disaster Preparedness** - Introduction to disasters, impact of disasters on infrastructure, hazards posed by buildings and non structural items, the role of CERT's in disaster response
- Week 2** **Disaster Fire Suppression** - Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards, basic fire suppression strategy, firefighting resources, firefighting techniques.
- Week 3** **Disaster Medical Operations** - Part 1 - Treatment strategies for life threatening conditions and principles of triage.
- Week 4** **Disaster Medical Operations** - Part 2 - Head to toe assessments, treatment for head wounds, treatment for fractures, sprains, burns and other injuries.
- Week 5** **Light Search and Rescue Operations** - Search and rescue priorities and resources, techniques for size-up and search, lifting, cribbing and removing victims, rescuer safety.
- Week 6** **Disaster Psychology and Team Organization** - The post-disaster emotional environment, the Incident Command System, CERT strategies, tactics, and documentation.
- Week 7** **Course Review and Disaster Simulation Exercise**

IS Course FEMA: <http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/>

All independent studies

Before taking level 3 you should have already completed IS-317 CERT Overview

- Level 3:**
 - IS-317: Introduction to CERT
 - IS-22: Are You Ready? An In Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness
 - IS-55: Household Hazardous Materials – A Guide for Citizens
 - IS-271: Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk
 - IS-324: Community Hurricane Preparedness
- Level 4:**
 - IS-244: Developing and Managing Volunteers
 - IS-7: A Citizen's Guide to Disaster Assistance
 - IS-100. Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS-394. Protecting Your Home or Small Business from Disaster
 - IS-700: NIMS, an Introduction
 - IS-244: Developing and Managing Volunteers
 - IS-288: Role of Voluntary Agencies

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