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Laurel Wood
University of Kentucky Police Department
Division of Crisis Management & Preparedness
Los Angeles City Fire Department
Earthquake in 1987
Training civilians to meet immediate needs
1993: Training made available nationally by FEMA
When Disaster Strikes...

- How widespread?
- Number of victims?
- Communication failures?
- Road blockages?
- Warning?
Training CERT Volunteers

1. Present the facts about what to expect following a major disaster
2. Responsibility for mitigation & preparedness
3. Train them in life saving skills
4. Organize teams as an extension of first responder services
Life Saving Skills

- ME, US, THEM
- Decision Making Skills
- Rescuer Safety
- Doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people
CERT Curriculum

- Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Home and workplace preparedness
  - Reducing risk of hazards through mitigation

- Unit 2: Fire Safety & Suppression
  - Fire chemistry
  - Fire and utility hazards
  - Hazardous materials
  - Suppressing small fires
Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations – Part 1
- Triage

Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations – Part 2
- Public health considerations
- Conducting head-to-toe assessments

Unit 5: Light Search & Rescue
- Conducting interior and exterior search operations
- Rescue operations
CERT Curriculum cont.

- Unit 6: CERT Organization
  - ICS functions
  - CERT mobilization

- Unit 7: Disaster Psychology
  - Disaster trauma
  - Team well-being

- Unit 8: Terrorism & CERT
  - Terrorist targets and weapons

- Unit 9: Course Review & Disaster EXERCISE!
C–CERT functions at UK

- Close roads and direct the flow of traffic away from the scene
- Evacuate buildings, keep facility closed until safe
- Serve as a liaison b/w UKPD and other responding agencies
- Suppress small fires and use extinguishers
- Serve as a force multiplier for UKPD
CERT Programs

UK CAMPUS CERT
- UKPD, Crisis Management & Preparedness
- UK Faculty / Staff
- 24 Hours
- Once Annually
- Four Weeks (8AM – 4:30PM)

LFUCG CERT
- LFUCG Division of Emergency Management
- Open to the Public, 18+
- 24 Hours
- Twice Annually (Spring & Fall)
- Eight Weeks (6-9 PM)
CERT In Action

- CERT Activation Simulation Video
- CERT Resources
  - www.uky.edu/EM/CERT.html
  - www.bereadylexington.com/cert/
  - www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams
Additional CERT Resources

- IS-317 Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams
- IS-100.HE: Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS) for Higher Education