

Recertification
(Voted and Passed 03/02/2016)

Basic CERT Recertification

Active CERT status involves ongoing participation by attendance at Team meetings and trainings, County-wide trainings, individual study and other activities deemed appropriate by responsible Team Leader.

Recertification (necessary every 5 years) involves:

- New DSW form
- Photograph (blue background, if possible)
- A minimum of 25 hours of continuing education (documented) with the suggestion of completing at least 5 hours per year.
- The Team Leader is responsible for tracking member's 5-year expiration date.
- CERT members will maintain documentation of their continuing education.
- When less than 5 years left until DSW badge expiration the minimum hours required will be based on years left until badge expires times 5 hours, i.e., 2 years = 10 hours, 3 years = 15 hours.

Examples of education/training recognized:

Team meetings and training (Based on Team Leader's assessment)

Formidable Footprints

Simulated Exercises put on by Teams (up to 4 hours credit)

Modules in Basic CERT course offered in County with hours sign off by instructor.

The following are examples of interactive trainings and courses with hours credit based on course times. Students need to verify with completion certificate offered by appropriate agency.

Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) online courses:

IS-317 CERT Basic Course (6 hours credit)

IS 315 CERT Supplemental Training: The Incident Command System

National Incident Management System (NIMS) online courses:

IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System

IS-200b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident

IS-700a National Incident Management System (NIMS)

IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction

Red Cross sponsored classes:

Disaster Services Overview

Shelter Fundamentals (online)

First Aid and CPR/AED

Disaster Response Training

Emergency Preparedness Education

Questions? Ask your Team leader if course or training is appropriate.

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Inactive CERT status: Individuals are expected to complete the appropriate recertification activities over 5 years. CERT members will be moved to inactive status for failing to do so. They will be ineligible for call-up as a CERT volunteer and treated as a spontaneous volunteer in an emergency situation. In order to reengage as a CERT volunteer they must demonstrate mastery of Basic CERT knowledge and skills.

Basic CERT Training class completion: While completing all modules during the regular course of instruction is preferable, individuals will have one year from the end of the course to complete missed modules. All modules in the Basic CERT course taught throughout the County may be used as make-up. Students must get hours signed off by current instructor, and provide copy to the original course instructor.