

## Basic CERT Recertification

**Note: At this time (June 2020) the process may change to adapt to Covid-19 precautions.**

***Team 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, signed and verified by individual deputized by the County Clerk
- Photograph
- A minimum of 20 hours of continuing education (documented) in 5 years with the suggestion of completing at least 4 hours per year.
- The Team Leader is responsible for tracking member's 5-year expiration date. CERTs are accountable for requesting recertification within the last year before DSW Badge expiration.
- CERT members will maintain documentation of their continuing education.
- In 2021 and future years, the minimum continuing education requirement for CERT recertification and DSW Badge renewal will be increased to 25 hours over 5 years.
- CERTs may renew CERT recertification without DSW Badge renewal.

***Examples of education/training recognized:***

Team meetings and training

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

Modules in Basic CERT course offered in County (must sign in on class roster)

CERT Auxiliary Continuing Education classes and exercises

Regional Training and Exercise Program (Urban Area Security Initiative — UASI)

CPR or AED training

Any educational program that refreshes or expands CERTs' disaster skills or knowledge

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 (2 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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***Uncertified 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 re-engage 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 sign in on the class roster.

Online CERT Training is an additional option. Website location is [onlinecert.org](http://onlinecert.org). One is able to take the modules in any order and at your own pace. Students will receive a certification of completion after each unit is completed.

Questions? Ask your Team leader if course or training is appropriate. Or email [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com) for more information or further questions.