

RECERTIFICATION

Team CERT status involves ongoing participation by attendance at Team meetings/trainings, Countywide trainings, individual study and other activities deemed appropriate by responsible Team Leader.

Recertification (necessary every 5 years) involves:

- A minimum of 25 hours of continuing education in 5 years with the suggestion of completing at least 5 hours per year. CERTs will maintain documentation of their continuing education.
- Successful completion of FEMA IS 100 — Introduction to Incident Command System
- Successful completion of FEMA IS 200 — Basic ICS for Initial Response
- CERTs requesting recertification within 3 – 6 months before Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Badge expiration date or for CERT only — 5 years from Basic Training graduation date.
- Making an appointment to complete the DSW request form, have new photo taken, the oath of allegiance and receiving updated CERT Program information. *Contact Mary Edmund at certauxiliary@gmail.com and request an appointment. She will contact you with the details.*

Other information:

- Team Leaders have responsibility for tracking member's 5-year expiration date.
- CERTs may renew CERT recertification without DSW Badge renewal. In this case you will still make an appointment but without DSW processing.
- 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 or recorded on zoom)
 - 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 their 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 \ The Incident Command System
 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) online courses:
 - 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. Or email certauxiliary@gmail.com for more information or further questions.

Uncertified status: Individuals are expected to complete the appropriate recertification activities over 5 years. Members who fail to do so will become inactive. They will be ineligible for call-up as a CERT volunteer and treated as a spontaneous volunteer in an emergency situation. To re-engage as a CERT they must retake CERT Basic Training and have mastery of Basic CERT knowledge and skills.

Basic CERT Training class completion: While completing all modules during the regular course of instruction it is preferable, individuals have one year from the end of the course to complete missed modules. All in-person modules in the Basic CERT Training course are taught throughout the County and may be used as make-up. Students must sign in on the class roster or be on the zoom roster as a make-up class.

Online CERT Training Phase 1 is an additional option. Students may take the modules in any order and at their own pace. Students will receive a completion certificate. To be certified phase 2 and 3 must be completed within a year.