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CERT's Function in Campus Emergency Management

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Developing and Maintaining a Campus CERT

Objectives

- Starting a Campus CERT
- Recruitment Strategies
- Training
- Retention Strategies
- CERT's role in the campus community
- CERT's function in campus Emergency Management

University of Texas at Dallas CERT

- UTD founded its CERT in 2004

- Existed continuously since 2004

- Oldest CERT in the UT System (15 campuses)

- One of the oldest campus CERTs in Texas

Starting a Campus CERT

- You must get buy-in from higher ups

- Be prepared to work with the group

- Train

Recruitment Strategies

- Include buildings leaders or liaisons

- Employee orientation

- Freshmen or new student orientation

- Preparedness Fair or outreach

- CERT members recruiting

Training

The training consists of the following:

- Session I, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
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   Session II, DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION
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   Session III, DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS PART I
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   Session IV, DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART II
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   Session V, LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS
-
   Session VI, DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY AND TEAM ORGANIZATION
-
   Session VII, COURSE REVIEW AND DISASTER SIMULATION

- Session VIII, Command and Control

- At the end of the training, CERT participants are given an opportunity to test their knowledge in a disaster simulation exercise. After completing the training and disaster simulation, the trainees become members of the UT Dallas CERT Program.

Retention Strategies

Requirements for Active Status- team members

- Participate in at least 1 major drill/yr

- Participate in at least 1 mini drill/yr

- Attend at least 1 General meeting/semester (3/yr)

- Monitor the wiki at least once a week

- Keep contact info up to date

CERT's role in the campus community

- Building Liaisons and SAFE Leaders
- Fire Drills
- Exercises and Trainings
- Campus Preparedness and Outreach

CERT's Role in Emergency Management

- Key component of disaster response

- Assist in disaster planning

- Disaster response training

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The mission of the UT Dallas CERT program is to work in partnership with the university's Office of Emergency Management and the university community to produce a pool of faculty, staff and students trained in disaster preparedness and response to provide leadership and coordination during an emergency, as critical support to professional responders and for immediate assistance to victims.

The CERT program is promoted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Citizen Corp. More info is available at http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert

The UT Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area (both at home and at the university) and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

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The University of Texas at Dallas is the second institution of higher education to organize a CERT training program in the State of Texas; joining North Harris College in Houston, TX.

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QUESTIONS?

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