
UNIT 8: CERT BASIC TRAINING

UNIT 6 REVIEW

In this unit you will review the following information about *CERT Basic Training* Unit 6:

- **Unit Purpose**
- **Unit Objectives**
- **Key Points to Be Made in the Unit**
- **Training Videos Relevant to the Unit**
- **The Hands-on Activities in the Unit and How to Conduct Them Correctly**
- **How This Unit Connects to the Other Units**

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***T-T-T* UNIT OVERVIEW**

This unit reviews the content and activities in *CERT Basic Training* Unit 6. It also looks at how Unit 6 connects to the other units in the *CERT Basic Training* course.

UNIT 6 PURPOSE

The purpose of *CERT Basic Training* Unit 6 is:

- To discuss organizational issues:
 - Onscene management
 - CERT mobilization
 - CERT tasks
- To review documentation tools

UNIT 6 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Unit 6 learning objectives are:

1. To describe the CERT organization
2. To identify how CERTs interrelate with the Incident Command System (ICS)
3. To explain documentation requirements

UNIT 6 KEY TOPICS

In this unit, the instructor needs to do the following:

- Give a brief overview of the unit and the material that will be covered
- Help participants understand the concept of the Incident Command System
- Teach participants how a CERT is mobilized for a disaster
- Emphasize the importance of documentation

TRAINING VIDEOS FOR UNIT 6

If time permits, the 19-minute video *CERT in Action* is recommended for this unit. The video portrays a CERT activating and setting up an ICS immediately following a major storm and conducting search, rescue, and medical operations according to CERT protocols. The video is available for download at the National CERT Web site, <http://www.fema.gov/cert>.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES IN UNIT 6

ICS FUNCTIONS (*BASIC TRAINING IG P. 6-45*)

Purpose

To give the participants an opportunity to relate the ICS functions to specific situations

Latitude to Adapt

Conduct the activity as it is written.

How to Do the Activity Correctly

- Before the session, write up the scenario.
 - Choose a situation that might occur in your community and to which your CERT would be deployed.
 - Select and integrate into the exercise the hazards that your CERT members would face in the incident
 - Select an actual location in your community and create maps of the scene to make the scenario more realistic.
- As part of the exercise, you may wish to develop a list of potential situations that could occur in your community and ask the participants to prioritize their responses based on the goal of doing the greatest good for the greatest number.
- Have observers available during the activity to provide corrective feedback during the exercise.

TIPS FOR TEACHING UNIT 6

- The Program Manager is a great resource for this unit.
- Be sure to teach this unit slowly and allow ample time for discussion.
- If you did not use it in Unit 1, the Building a Tower exercise can be woven into this unit.
- Consider whether or not you want to include basic crime scene protocols in this unit. If so, arrange for that information to be delivered.
- Emphasize that with ICS you only use what you need. For example, if you don't need a logistics section, don't create one.
- Before conducting this unit, determine which documentation forms your CERTs will use and insert the forms into this unit of the Instructor Guide and the Participant Manual. It is useful to include a blank form and an example of the same form with information filled in.

HOW UNIT 6 CONNECTS TO OTHER *CERT BASIC TRAINING* UNITS

Unit 6 provides a framework for all CERT functions covered in *CERT Basic Training* Units 2-5 and formalizes the principle of teamwork.

The Unit also explains what CERT members need to do to make sure their training works.

T-T-T UNIT SUMMARY

This unit has provided information on *CERT Basic Training* Unit 6.

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