Calendar of Events

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November 5, 2025

General Membership Meeting

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Join us for the National CERT Association's General Membership meeting.

Topics that will be discussed include:

Recap of the 2025 National CERT Conference
?CERT Program Highlight
Overview of the National CERT Association Website and How to Use it
Recap of National CERT Week
2026 National CERT Conference Updates
Question & Answer

The meeting will be held via Zoom. Please register to get the login information to the meeting.

February 17, 2026 - February 26, 2026

CERT Train-the-Trainer (K0428) Virtual Delivery

01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

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Assure that participants achieve the objectives of CERT Basic Training.

Create a comfortable yet managed learning environment.

Course topics include:

CERT history, program purpose, and values.

Materials and requirements for the CERT Basic Training course.

Roles of the CERT instructor.

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Effective coaching and demonstration of skills in the classroom.

Practices to maximize learning.

Effective evaluation of CERT training participants.

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March 30, 2026 - April 1, 2026

CERT Train-the-Trainer (E0428) - On-Campus Delivery

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)/National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMU

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April 2, 2026 - April 3, 2026

CERT Program Manager (E0427) On-Campus Delivery

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)/ National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEM

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Course Description

This course prepares participants to establish and sustain an active local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The responsibilities of a local CERT Program Manager are various. This course defines the core components of a local CERT program and focuses on effective practices for:

Planning and interacting with a broad range of stakeholders;

Managing program resources;

Sustaining the program course topics, including:

Developing local CERT program goals and a related strategic plan;

Promoting a local CERT program;

Orienting, managing, and retaining CERT members;

Recruiting, funding, managing, and retaining CERT trainers;

Acquiring and managing program resources;

Delivering and managing effective training and exercises;

Developing policies and procedures for operating a local CERT program; and Evaluating and sustaining the program.

The CERT Program Manager course is delivered at EMI sequentially during the same week with E0428, Community Emergency Response Team Train-the-Trainer. Participants who wish to take both courses must submit a separate application for each course. Although either course may be taken separately, EMI encourages participants to take both courses the same week.

The learner must achieve a minimum passing score of 75% on final knowledge assessments or demonstrate mastery on performance assessments or research assignments to earn the IACET CEU.

Selection Criteria: Professionals and volunteers who are designated to be or are interested in being appointed a local CERT Program Manager and those who are already in the CERT Program Manager position.

April 21, 2026 - April 30, 2026

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Materials and requirements for the CERT Basic Training course.

Roles of the CERT instructor.

Effective presentation of CERT Basic Training content.

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Practices to maximize learning.

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August 3, 2026 - August 5, 2026

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August 24, 2026 - August 29, 2026 2026 National CERT Conference

Hyatt Regency Irvine 17900 Jamboree Road

Irvine, CA 92614

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM PST

Save the date for the 2026 National CERT Conference in Irvine, California! Information about registration and additional details about the conference will be announced as the date gets closer.

September 15, 2026 - September 24, 2026

CERT Train-the-Trainer (K0428) Virtual Delivery

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Selection Criteria: Individuals who will serve as the Course Manager for the CERT Basic Training course and be CERT Basic Training course instructors.

Coming Soon

NCA General Membership Meeting

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST

Quarterly membership meeting and updates.

Coming Soon

Best of the 2024 CERT Conference: De-escalating Strategies Anyone Can Learn 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST

THIS WEBINAR HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please join FEMA Region 2 in partnership with and the National CERT Association (NCA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for a webinar about De-escalating Strategies Anyone Can Learn.

Whenever the crises come from disaster deployment, blue-sky events, or through team interactions, de- escalation strategies are another "tool" CERT personnel should have. Using her experience in alternative education, community service, and CERT, Dee will share some simple universal strategies and tips anyone can learn.

Who should attend: Local, State, Federal government, Community and Faith-based Organizations, Emergency Managers, CERT Leads, Program Managers and volunteers.

This event will include Live Captioning. If you need additional accommodations, please email kathleen.madigan@fema.dhs.gov.

Coming Soon

Best of the CERT2024 Conference: Team building and Communication Exercises 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST

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Please join FEMA Region 2 in partnership with and the National CERT Association
(NCA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for a webinar about team building.

Participants will learn effective communication skills (loosely based on the FEMA IS-242 Effective Communications Class) and some highly interesting and engaging teambuilding games and exercises. These activities can be used for meetings and refresher classes or just for fun. Excellent in helping develop efficient radio communications, improving problem-solving skills, and helping avoid conflict in a CERT environment.

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Best of the CERT 2024 Conference: How to Deliver CERT Training that is Engaging & Fun 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST

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Please join FEMA Region 2 in partnership with and the National CERT Association (NCA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for a webinar about delivering training that is engaging & fun.

Keeping CERT training fun and engaging requires a blend of creativity, enthusiasm, and strategic planning. This session will discuss utilizing interactive activities, multimedia resources, real-world examples, varied teaching methods, and encouraging collaboration. By implementing these strategies, CERT instructors can create a dynamic and engaging learning environment that inspires students to actively participate and enjoy the learning process.

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