

Calendar of Events

September 14, 2025
- September 20, 2025

National CERT Week

All Day

marketing@nationalcert.org

Join the National CERT Association (NCA) as we relaunch National CERT Week! A week-long event, National CERT Week highlights and celebrates the accomplishments of all CERT programs across the country. Each year there will be a theme—2025's theme is "Every Community Needs a CERTain Kind of Hero"—and the NCA will provide suggestions and a digital toolkit that teams can use to help raise awareness of CERT and the important work you do in your community. National CERT Week will be held annually on the third week of September, in conjunction with National Preparedness Month.

In 2025, National CERT Week will be held September 14 - 20.

October 14, 2025
- October 23, 2025

CERT Train-the-Trainer (K0428) Virtual Delivery

01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

NETC Admissions, 301-447-1035

netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

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November 4, 2025
- November 7, 2025

CERT Program Manager (K0427) Virtual Delivery

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Acquiring and managing program resources;

Delivering and managing effective training and exercises;

Developing policies and procedures for operating a local CERT program; and

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- January 16, 2026

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- April 1, 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.

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- August 28, 2026

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NCA General Membership Meeting

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST
Quarterly membership meeting and updates.

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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.

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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

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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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