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**FREE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
TRAINING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC**



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After 5:00 p.m.:

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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Local residents interested in attending free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training are invited to enroll by calling (310) 732-3470. The training is being offered by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in conjunction with the Port of Los Angeles.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area 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 local first responders in their neighborhood or workplace following an event. CERT is a national program under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that is operated by local agencies – the LAFD in Los Angeles.

CERT training is currently being offered to the Port's ILWU members, and additional spaces in classes are being made available to the community. A total of 17 ½ hours of training are given in seven weekly, two-and-a-half-hour sessions. Training sessions will be held in San Pedro and Wilmington locations. Classes are conducted in the evenings and afternoon.

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