

12. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Measure / Indicator Description:	Responsibility:	2006 %	2007 %	2008 %	2009 %
Percent compliance with adopting the FEMA CERT Course Curriculum as part of the District's Public Affairs Program and an important outcome of increased disaster preparedness for our citizens.	Chief Jaeger	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with training and maintaining an adequate number of CERT Instructors through the FEMA CERT Train-the-Trainer Program.	Lt. Werst	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with providing at least one CERT Course annually to citizens of the District who desire such training.	Lt. Werst Sno. Co. DEM	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with providing annually (either through District or DEM/ESCA instructors) a CERT Refresher Training and/or a planned exercise for those students who have attended CERT Training in past years.	Lt. Werst	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with providing and maintaining a cache of CERT training supplies, printed resources, props, and response equipment.	Chief Jaeger Lt. Werst	100	100	100	
Overall Percent Compliance by Year:		100%	100%	100%	

What does this measure tell us?

Following a catastrophic disaster, the community may be on their own for a period of time because of the size of the area affected, lost communications, and impassable roads. It is well understood that emergency service personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately. CERT Training is designed to prepare members in the community to take simple actions to save lives and protect property. This measure tells us whether or not we have a sustained effort to provide initial CERT Training to community members as well as provide regular skill-building exercises as a means to improve readiness, maintain contacts, and further the network of first responders in the community.

Goal being measured:

Develop a Fire & Injury Prevention, Public Affairs Program.

CERT Training is an important component of the District's Public Affairs Program. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. With training and practice and by working as a team, CERT members will be able to do the greatest good for the greatest number after a disaster, while protecting them from becoming a victim.