



## Bulletin 41-06

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### ILWU COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Los Angeles Fire Department's *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* Program was developed to create a well-trained civilian emergency work force. These teams are vital for disaster situations when the number and scope of incidents clearly overwhelm conventional emergency services. CERT training provides community self-sufficiency through the development of multi-functional response teams that can act as an adjunct to local emergency services during major disasters. Empowered by this unique training, people from community organizations, businesses, industry, and City employees can assemble as a CERT, or perform as individual leaders to direct untrained volunteers in the initial phase of a disaster.

CERT members receive 17½ hours of initial training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue as well as team organization and management. CERT Training culminates with a disaster simulation and comprehensive course review. All training is conducted in a congenial atmosphere by active-duty career firefighters with expertise in disaster management. This successful program continues to evolve and expand.

The ability of a business or community to recover from the devastating effects of an earthquake or other disaster requires the active planning, participation and cooperation of all members of society. The responsibility for preparedness, however, lies with each individual. By encouraging preparedness efforts, hazard identification and mitigation, CERT can minimize the effects of a disaster and facilitate recovery. The benefits of this program are numerous. CERT has increased the overall level of public disaster readiness in Los Angeles, provided emergency skills that people may use in day-to-day emergencies, enhanced the bond between government and populace, and increased community spirit.

The men and women of the LAFD hope that others worldwide will benefit from the success of CERT in Los Angeles.

#### Training Schedule

This training is a seven (7) week course. Sessions will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings from **6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Session #	Date	Location
1	May 4, 2006	Banning's Landing
2	May 11, 2006	Banning's Landing
3	May 18, 2006	Port of LA Board Room
4	May 25, 2006	Banning's Landing
5	June 1, 2006	Banning's Landing
6	June 8, 2006	Banning's Landing
7	June 15, 2006	Banning's Landing

#### Location Addresses:

Port of Los Angeles Board Room  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731

Banning's Landing Community Center  
100 East Water Street  
Wilmington, CA 90744

website: [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com)

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**REMAINING SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR APRIL 2006**

April 24, 2006 Monday Casual L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13  
April 26, 2006 Wednesday Regular L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at PMA  
April 27, 2006 Thursday Executive Board Meeting @ 12:30 p.m.

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR MAY 2006**

May 4, 2006 Thursday Stop Work Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
May 8, 2006 Monday Regular Class "B" Meeting @ Local 13  
May 8, 2006 Monday Casual L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at PMA  
May 10, 2006 Wednesday Regular L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13  
May 11, 2006 Thursday Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
May 12, 2006 Friday Regular ADA L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at PMA  
May 16, 2006 Tuesday Class "B" L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13  
May 17, 2006 Tuesday Regular Mechanic L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13  
May 18, 2006 Thursday Class "B" 70% L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at PMA  
May 22, 2006 Monday Casual L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13  
May 24, 2006 Wednesday Regular L.R.C. @ 9:30 a.m. at Local 13

**TRAINING SIGN-UPS**

The new sign up lists for both Crane and Heavy Lift (CL) training will be available at the beginning of May 2006 with the Records Room Clerk, Ray Pearson.

There will also be a sign-up list for those individuals that wish to be Heavy Lift (CL) instructors. Keep your eyes open for the requirements in the upcoming bulletins.

**BULLETINS ARE ALSO POSTED ON THE  
WEBSITE @ [www.ilwu13.org](http://www.ilwu13.org)**

Fraternally,  
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