



## **Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**CERT** members assist in disaster response using basic first responder skills. After a disaster, first responders will be overwhelmed, leaving many citizens on their own for the first 72 hours. CERT members work as a team to assist victims of the disaster. The program is an all-hazards, all-risk response from trained UCSF staff, students, faculty and affiliates. No special skills or education is necessary to join, as all training will be provided.

### **How CERTs Are Used:**

- put out small fires and address utility issues
- provide basic first aid
- search for and rescue victims safely
- organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective
- collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

### **Training:**

CERTs are trained by the San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team training program. UCPD Emergency Management also sponsors additional CERT training and exercise opportunities during the year.

**For more information or to volunteer**, please e-mail [emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu](mailto:emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu) or visit <http://police.ucsf.edu/index.php?/Preparing-for-Emergencies/volunteer-opportunities.html>