



In seeking opportunities to promote community awareness and service, the mission of CORE is to promote the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor and to provide the highest quality emergency and disaster prevention, preparedness and response training.



Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) is a **free** training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders and leave many citizens on their own for the first 3 to 7 days after the emergency. CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood until professional emergency personnel arrive. CORE training develops CORE Groups throughout Oakland who are organized, empowered and involved in the health, safety and well-being of their neighborhood.

Since its inception in 1990, the CORE program has provided training to over **17,500** Oakland residents. CORE set a new standard for emergency preparedness and residential hazard reduction and earned the Outstanding Service Award by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in 1991. The CORE Program has also received commendations from the Oakland City Council and the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. Training currently includes:

CORE I, II and III manuals are printed in Chinese and Spanish to facilitate training in culturally diverse communities. Bilingual translators help provide CORE training to other language groups in Oakland.

See CORE website: www.oaklandcore.org for more information and training schedule.

CORE is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program
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CORE I – Home and Family Emergency Preparedness - Learn how to reduce common household hazards, prepare family disaster plans and emergency supply kits, develop evacuation plans and respond to earthquakes, fires, chemical emergencies, severe weather and terrorist threats.

CORE II – Neighborhood Preparedness and Response - Learn how to organize a command center and create emergency response teams, (i.e. communications, damage assessment, hazard reduction/utilities, search and rescue, disaster first aid, shelter and special needs).

CORE I and II classes are conducted at neighborhood sites and require minimum of 15-25 participants.

CORE III – Emergency Response Hands-On Training - Learn beginning response tactics. Get classroom instruction and hands-on training in fire suppression, damage assessment, light search and rescue, disaster first aid, disaster psychology, special needs and neighborhood emergency communications. Training includes a functional exercise (simulated earthquake). Classroom and hands-on training are conducted at Oakland Fire Training Center.