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Saddleback College to host Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
Training for more than 40 California Colleges and Universities

Mission Viejo, CA – On April 16th and 17th, Saddleback College will host the California Colleges and Universities Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training Symposium for representatives from the UC Office of the President, CSU Chancellor’s Office, California Community College Chancellor’s Office, more than 40 colleges and universities, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The collaboration between California Volunteers and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office will educate administrators, faculty, and staff about disaster preparedness and ready them in the event that professional responders are not immediately available to respond following an emergency situation.

Topics of the discussions and breakout sessions include FEMA’s Vision for Campus CERT, Incorporating Students in your CERT Program, Disaster Volunteer Work, a scenario entitled “A Disaster Hit, Now What?”, and a presentation by the American Red Cross.

The presentations and workshops will stress the importance of building relationships with local agencies. Frank Borden, the original creator of the CERT program, and Dr. Phillip Schertzing, creator of the Campus CERT Instructor curriculum, will serve as the event keynote speakers. Borden was Assistant Chief and Commander of the Training and Disaster Preparedness Division of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, of which he is a 36-year veteran. He is widely known for developing numerous innovative programs, such as CERT and Incident Command System (ICS), and is frequently requested to conduct post-disaster investigations and evaluations around the world. Dr. Schertzing has served at Michigan State University since July 2002 with a dual appointment as director of the Global Community Security Institute and as an academic specialist/instructor in the university’s school of criminal justice. He is responsible for coordinating a variety of multidisciplinary emergency management and homeland security-related outreach, training, and education programs.

Event Details
Information sessions will be in HS 145 the entire day Monday. On Tuesday, participants will be in the HS 145 until lunch, after which they will be separated into three groups for breakout sessions in BGS 146, BGS 147, and the President’s Conference Room.

Day 1 – Monday, April 16th
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Health Sciences & Human Services Building (HS) 145
Day 2 – Tuesday, April 17th

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Until Lunch, Health Sciences & Human Services Building (HS) 145
- After Lunch, BGS 146, BGS 147, and the President’s Conference Room.

Parking: Lot 9

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