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Comment:

My wife and I took CERT training a few years ago. Aside from the skills that I learned in that training, i.e. what the 4 color warning signs on buildings mean, the distance to stay away from a building during an earthquake, how to handle a mass casualty event and the reason they stack wounded head to toe there is one point that stuck out to me as the reason we need more CERT training and not less, and why more LA residents need to have access to this training. The instructor told us that within 5 minutes of the Northridge quake every single emergency vehicle was committed. SO the reason the CERT training is important is because you have to assume they are not going to be able to get to you, potentially for days. And remember, Northridge was not too large of a quake and likely to be eclipsed by a much larger one in the future.

I would like the CERT Unit to continue operating with no less than 8 full-time Fire Fighter Instructors under the guidance and direction of the LAFD, where CERT was originally conceived. If Los Angeles cannot sustain a successful CERT Program and provide free disaster preparedness to its citizens, the optics and faith in our City will be diminished, just as Los Angeles steps onto the world stage for the NBA All-Star 2026, FIFA World Cup (2026), Super Bowl LXI (2027) and the 2028 Summer Olympics. Keep CERT in its entirety, and show the world that we are ready for anything