

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

Are you and your family prepared for “The Big One?” Do you know what you can do to help your family or friends in the event of a disaster? If the answer is no, then you may be interested in becoming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member. Temple City is trying to establish a Citywide CERT program to better prepare and respond to a disaster.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. The training is provided free of charge by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The entire training class is 20-hours and is spread out over a period of three (3) Saturday sessions. Training curriculum includes Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Operations, Light Search & Rescue, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and Disaster Simulation. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

If you are interested in joining the CERT Program, have any questions or need additional information, please contact Public Safety Officer Bryan Ariizumi in the Public Services Department, 5938 Kauffman Avenue, (626) 285-2171 or by e-mail at [bariizumi@templecity.us](mailto:bariizumi@templecity.us).