

Disaster Simulation Photos

Each section has a brief explanation of what the teams are doing and photos showing the teams in action.

Moulage

One can use cards on victims describing their symptoms when conducting the triage station. This works fine. However, moulaging victims add realism to the exercise. Victims shown in these photos were volunteers from a local high school drama club and CERT graduates. The students receive credit from their school for community service and learn about CERT. Using CERT graduates reinforces their training and allows them to give feedback to the new CERT members.



Fire Suppression



Propane gas is used to create fire, a CERT member & buddy approaching and extinguishing the fire.



An instructor monitors to ensure use of proper procedures as instructed.



Another instructor on stand-by with extinguisher acting as safety officer.

Cribbing

These photos show the participants practicing levering and cribbing. Participants gain confidence in their ability to lift objects in order to extract victims. An instructor coaches the participants in proper techniques and safety.



Triage and Search and Rescue



Victims position themselves for the triage exercise.



Team leader instructs the team about search and safety procedures before they enter the room. Team leader keeps track of team members and monitors the team's progress.



Team checks the door for heat and enters the room. They do a voice triage and then a room search. In a darkened room, searchers need to check all voids for victims.



When victim is located, team performs simple triage and rapid treatment.



Team must carefully remove debris before triaging some victims.



During size up, the building was considered lightly damaged. Victims are treated in place after triage.