

One of the great things about this neighborhood is its sense of community. Please help us make South Carthay as safe as possible by preparing yourselves for a major disaster and then helping your neighbors if they are in need of assistance.

The South Carthay ERT (Emergency Response Team) is currently trying to enlist new volunteers from within our community. We need as many residents as possible to join us in helping one another when the “big one” hits. So far this year we have trained 21 new volunteers, their role is to be the eyes and ears of the team. They have been introduced to the concept of how to size up their block and communicate that information with our command post. We will need to know what kind of damage has been suffered by each block so we can assist our neighbors. Those of us that have been CERT trained by the LAFD will need your help in assessing the condition of our community and reporting to first responders, if and when they are available.

The informal training by our team members takes about 60 minutes and is offered every other month. You need no prior experience or special abilities. All ages are welcomed. This is not the full CERT training which takes 17 hours. You will not be asked to do search and rescue, fire suppression, or triage, that will be our job. You will be asked to report the condition of the people and structures on your block, once you and your family are safe and secure. At the present time the 1000 block of Orlando, 1100 and 1200 blocks of Crescent Hts, 1000 block of Alfred, and Olympic Pl. have no volunteers.

Please don't put this off and hope it won't be needed, it will be. Please contact me at ronsokoloff@ca.rr.com. and I will be happy to let you know where our next meeting will take place.