

CERT: Fire and Utility Controls

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The smell of bacon for a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich fills the air, the sound of the bacon sizzling in the grease on the stove, but it's a little hot, the next thing you know there is fire on the stove. The grease has started a fire. What do you do? Do you throw water on it? Do you throw flour on it? Do you throw a wet towel over it? Or do you run, leave the house and call 911; wait for the fire department while your kitchen or your house burns? Do you have a fire extinguisher? Can you use it? Have you ever used a fire extinguisher on an actual fire?

What if it was your kids doing the cooking and you are not at home; do they know what to do?

What if there was a class that could offer you the information to immediately and confidently deal with that situation correctly that could potentially save your kitchen, your home or the lives of your family? Would that interest you? Do you know of anyone that has lost a home or a vehicle to fire, did they know what to do? You can learn how to deal with this now.

Remember a year ago when tornadoes tore through Shawnee, Oklahoma City, Moore and El Reno? Homes were damaged and destroyed, debris everywhere and amongst that debris, the danger of leaking gas. Gas from natural gas lines, gas from propane tanks. If you encountered an emergency situation that affected you, your family or possibly your neighbor, do you know how to safely shut off that leaking gas so anyone that is injured can be rescued and be given first aid?

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You will learn about fire and fire safety, you will learn about the different types of fire extinguishers and how they are used and you will have the opportunity to safely approach and put out a fire using the skills and abilities you gain in class. You will learn how to shut off water and gas safely. Does this interest you? It should, it

s simple and saves lives.

Besides learning about fire and utility controls, in this class you will learn about individual and family preparedness, you will learn about some basic first aid, you will learn how to search a structure safely and learn how to lift objects off of injured people using cribbing and shoring materials. You will also learn how to organize yourself, your family, your neighborhood to take care of each other until first responders arrive in an emergency situation.

There is training on psychology in a disaster and training on terrorism situations.

And at the end of class you will be able to demonstrate all of your newly learned skills in an actual disaster scenario.

If you are interested in learning some very valuable skills, while increasing your preparedness knowledge then this is your class. As part of this class you will also be provided a student manual and a backpack with some basic safety gear to start your way to toward a better prepared you and your family. Remember the more you know prior to a disaster and the better you are able to deal with it, the discomfort you or your family will feel will certainly be decreased.

We hope to see you in class. Please use the following link to register for the class.

http://www.ok.gov/homeland/courses/training_event_detail.php?event_id=990