

CERT - Damage Assessment Form instructions:

This is used for neighborhood surveys. SAFE teams should use it to record incidents as they find them. Planning Leader will copy this information to a master Damage Assessment Form (DA) for the neighborhood.
Specific column instructions include:

Top Line: Fill in the fields with date, your full name & Team ID number and page number, total number of pages.

Incident Number: Provided by PLANNING!! When calling in Priority 1 incidents only, the Radio Operator at the Command Post (CP) will give you a number to write in this box. Otherwise leave BLANK!

Time: Use 24 hour time, (e.g. 1400 is 2 pm.). The time is **when you find** the incident and is not reported in your radio calls. The CP will record the **time you called** the incident in on their form.

Reported By: Leave BLANK until/unless a Priority 1 incident is radioed into the Command Post. The recording person will put their initials in this column only when they radio in to the CP. The CP will then give you an incident number to put in the first column for this incident.

Incident Priority: 1 = Life threatening or growing danger; 2 = Property/Small Fires; and 3 = all other.

Location: Give the house address or intersection street names for the incident.

Fire & Hazard columns - Put a 1 in the column that applies

Building Damage Assessment: Put a 1 in appropriate column for Heavy, Moderate, or Light

People: Enter a quantity in each column for number of Immediate, Delayed, Trapped, or Dead. Note Minor injuries in the comments and indicate if they will return to the CP with you or remain at the incident.

Road: Put a 1 in Access for partially blocked roads; put a 1 in No Access for totally blocked roads. This tells the CP if the road is passable by a vehicle, such as a fire truck or ambulance.

Other: Put a 1 here if the incident doesn't fit any other category. Use the "Comments" column to give a description.

Assigned: This is a CP check box. If a team is assigned to the incident, a single slash is put here. When the team is finished, add a cross slash to form an "X".

Comments: Use to describe the situation, but be brief.

Totals / Prior Page Totals: All incident columns on the form must be totaled, adding prior page totals, for a cumulative total reported on the last row. The totals of each group, e.g. [Fire: 2 1], [Hazards: 2 3 1], [Buildings: 2 3 0], etc. will be radioed back to the CP. If you start a new page put the totals from the prior page on the line above the totals on the new page.

CERT Mission by Structural Damage Category

If Structural Damage Is . . . Then The CERT Mission Is . . .

Light:

To locate, triage, and prioritize removal of victims to treatment areas by the medical operation teams. OK to remain in building if necessary.

Moderate:

To locate, stabilize, and immediately evacuate victims to a safe area while **minimizing the number of rescuers inside the building.**

Heavy:

To secure the building perimeter and warn others about the danger of entering the building.

Light

Broken windows.

Fallen or cracked plaster.

Minor damage to contents.

Moderate

Decorative work damaged or fallen.

Many visible cracks in plaster.

Major damage to interior content.

Heavy

Tilting/Obvous instability.

Heavy smoke or fire.

Gas leaks.