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| **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Damage Assessment Form**  |
| **Date:**  | **Person Reporting:**  | **Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**  |
| **Time Received:**  | **Person Receiving:**  |
|   | **Burning**  | **Out**  | **Gas Lead**  | **H****2****O Lead**  | **Electric**  | **Chemical**  | **Damage \***  | **Collapsed**  | **Injured**  | **Trapped**  | **Deceased**  | **Access**  | **No Access**  | **Assignment** **Completed**  |
| **Time**  | **Location/Address**  | **Fires**  | **Hazards**  | **Structures**  | **People**  | **Roads**  | **/X**  |
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 **FOR USE BY CERTS & HAM TEAMS**

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Summary of all hazards in area - fill out this form on your way to Command Post and give it to Incident Command. (**\*** for structure damage: H=HEAVY, M=MODERATE, L=LIGHT)

**Incident Command:** Choose an incident, put a slash in the “assignment completed” column, copy the address/location to the incident name section on Incident Briefing, and give Incident Briefing and Assignment Status to incident team leader. Copy address/location to Post-Incident Status and enter start time. When incident is complete, put a backslash in the assignment completed column and the incident end time on the Post-Incident Status form. Last Updated: 7/20/2009 9:47:24 AM Revision: v1.1 Page 1 of 2

## DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORM - Instructions

This is the most-used form. Block Volunteers and CERT teams should use it to record incidents as they find them. The Planning Leader copies information to a master Damage Assessment Form (DA) for the neighborhood.

Specific column instructions include:

* **Top Line** - Fill in the fields with your information & ID number.
* **Incident Number** - The Radio Operator will give you a number when you complete your call in - write it here.
* **Time** - The person recording may use military time (e.g. 1400 is 2 pm.) it is faster to write down. Do not include the time in your radio calls.
* **Reported By -** Block Volunteers put a check in this column when they radio the line to the Command Post (CP). The CP uses this column to enter the ID number of the caller.
* **Incident Priority** - 1 = Life threatening; 2 = Property/Fire; and 3 = all other.
* **Location** - Give the house address or intersection street names for the incident.
* **Fire & Hazard** columns - put a 1 in any column that applies.
* **Building Damage Assessment -** put a 1 in appropriate column. (See table below)
* **People -** Write a 1 or 0 in each column. When reporting the "People" section, do not report the types by radio because the victim's family may be listening. Report the 4 categories as digits only. Thus, a situation with no Immediates, 2 Delayed, no Trapped and 1 Dead would be called in as, "People, zero, two, zero, one."  **Road -** put a 1 in Access for partially blocked roads; put a 1 in No Access for blocked roads.  **Other -** Put a 1 here if the incident doesn't fit any other category.
* **Assigned -** If a team is assigned to one of your incidents, put a single slash here. When the team is finished, add a cross slash to form an "X"
* **Comments -** Use to describe the situation, but be brief.

### CERT Mission by Structural Damage Category

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| **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.  |
| **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**  | **Moderate**  | **Heavy**  |
| Broken windows.  |  Decorative work damaged or fallen.  |  Tilting / Obvious instability.  |
|  Fallen or cracked plaster.  |  Many visible cracks in plaster.  |  Heavy smoke or fire.  |
|  Minor damage to contents.  |  Major damage to interior content.  |  Gas leaks.  |
|   |  Still attached to the foundation.  |  Not attached to the foundation.  |
|   |   |  Do not enter under any circumstances.  |

Volunteers reporting in by radio should provide their information in the same left to right sequence as the columns on the form: For example: "Radio Control, this is #16 with a Priority 2." "This is Radio Control, go ahead # 16 with your priority 2." "This is #16 and my priority 2 is for One Six Zero Zero Begen (NOT sixteen hundred). Building, zero, one, zero; comments, chimney has fallen." .