

# In Response



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The Disaster Files: SF CARD's In Response Newsletter



Bob Jacklevich instructs NERT HCT class at Firehouse #7

The San Francisco Fire Department NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) program provides regularly scheduled training to residents—most are free of charge.

For information on SF NERT training in your area, call 415-970-2024 or go to their website at [www.sfgov.org/site/sfnert](http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfnert)

**SF CARD provides agency emergency plan and personal preparedness training to agencies working with the vulnerable populations of San Francisco at no charge. Call Alessa Adamo to schedule a site visit and training at 415-786-0552.**

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) conducts free public classes year round to teach the San Francisco community to prepare for and respond to disasters.

On Saturday February 11, 2006 a full day HCT (Ham Communications Team) training session was conducted at Firehouse #7 on Folsom Street to teach newly licensed Ham radio operators how to communicate with local emergency officials in a disaster should the normal means of communications become disabled.

The new licensees were freshly minted at the previous weekend's HAM Cram—an instruction and testing day sponsored in part by the San Francisco Amateur Radio Club and the SF Amateur Radio Emergency Service organizations.

Although many of the trainees had not purchased Ham radios for the HCT training, they learned about the characteristics of different types of Ham radio systems, how to conduct themselves while on the radio, how to make use of local radio frequencies, repeaters, and more.

In addition to learning the basics of amateur radio, the training day was designed to familiarize residents with how they could involve themselves in the recovery efforts as civilian responders in communications. They were given instruction on where HCT members were to respond, and how to report local conditions to emergency commanders. The training also covered the Incident Command System and how the HCT members should work within that system.

**SF CARD is a support agency to SF NERT, and thanks to them and SF ARES you may now address me as Alessa Adamo or KI6CLO. ☺**