

Damage Assessment Form

Purpose: The Damage Assessment Form is designed for the sole purpose of gathering damage assessment information immediately following an incident. By following a predefined route you identify those locations that will require attention for IMMEDIATE life safety and property issues. You DO NOT STOP to render assistance during the Damage Assessment phase. The information you collect will be turned over to your CERT Incident Commander who will make the determination along with input from the CERT Branch Director as to what, how, and where CERT resources will be deployed. Remember, the Damage Assessment is a snapshot for that specific period of time in which you were at that location.

Instructions:

Date: This is the date that the person filling out the damage assessment made the assessment. Use the local date in a numeric string format: MMDDYYYY (08252011)

Time Received: This is the time the Damage Assessment Form was received by the CERT Incident Command Post. Use the local time in 24 hour format numeric string: HHMM (1354)

Person Reporting: The name and title of the person who filled out the Damage Assessment Form.

Person Receiving: The name and title of the person in the Incident Command Post that takes physical possession of the Damage Assessment Form from the reporting person.

Page #: This is the sequential number of pages submitted by the reporting party and received by the incident command post.

Time: The time the Damage Assessment was made at the specific location/address. Use 24 hour local time.

Address/Location: Be specific to insure there are no duplications from other reporters with regard to the same location.

Fires: Place a check in the box to note that fire is burning and will require professional response. A check in the Out box means that there is evidence that a fire occurred but is no longer an IMMEDIATE threat.

Hazards: Check off all Hazards that are identified during the Assessment at the specific location.

Structures: Note level of damage by indicating Light (L), Moderate (M), Heavy (H). Check if Collapsed.

People: Indicate number of injured and apparent dead. DO NOT TRIAGE. Check off if people trapped requiring professional extrication.

Roads: Indicate if roads are accessible to Vehicle Traffic by checking the appropriate box.

Assignment Completed: For use by CERT Incident Commander.