**Crisis Response Training**

**Relationship with Dad**

Remembering that the ministry of ALERT Cadet is directed to the success of dads, we are committed to giving you every opportunity to advance in your parenting skills. We have failed you as a dad if all we do is provide a fun and challenging time for your son to learn and grow. Our time is much better spent if we are successful in assisting you dad to better develop the leadership skills of your son at home throughout the year.

What follows is a partial list of ways that each of you dads can be the most important person during CRT for the development of your son:

Encourage, encourage, and encourage

Be a teammate to your son

Be the top advisor for your son

Prompt your son to speak up with questions, suggestions, etc.

Give prompting questions, not solutions

By asking your son questions, help him figure out his errors so he can own them

Ask debriefing questions of your son at every opportunity

If your son is a leader, by all means guide him

Help your son clean up his mess (as he will make one sooner or later)

Help keep an encouraging/positive atmosphere

Make comments at debriefing sessions after your son has spoken

Share your observations/highlights of an event or the day

Help keep your son moving (in at least some direction)

Help keep your son focused and seeing his resources