Fact Sheet
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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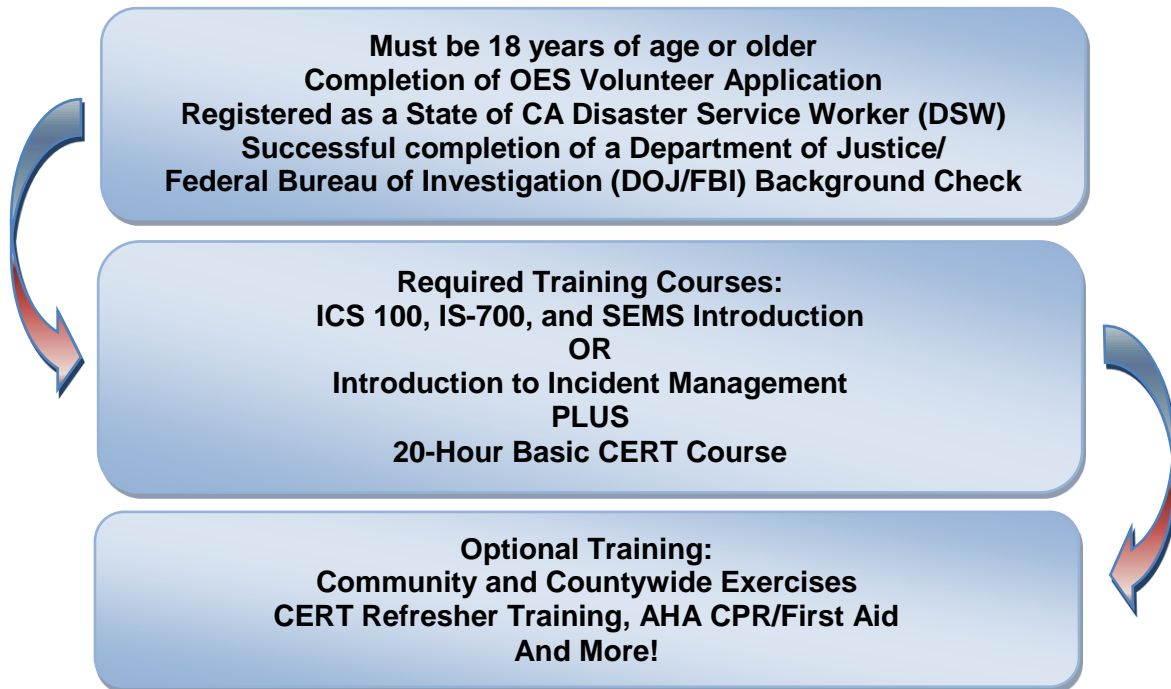
GENERAL OVERVIEW

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is one of four volunteer groups under the Fire Corps Program administered by the San Bernardino County Fire, Office of Emergency Services. Each community program is assigned a CERT Fire Liaison to administer the operational responsibilities and work hand-in-hand with their CERT Volunteer Coordinator.

CERT volunteers are expected to properly learn and conduct tasks that will support their community and the Fire Department during a major disaster. CERT volunteers also support the emergency management mission of preparedness and public outreach.

TASKS/ACTIVITIES

- On-Scene Incident Support*
- Pre-shelter Reception*
- Fire Base Camp Operations

- Medical Operations
- Suppress Small Fires
- Light Search and Rescue

- Public Outreach
- Community/Safety Events
- Training/Exercise Support

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years of age or older
Completion of OES Volunteer Application
Registered as a State of CA Disaster Service Worker (DSW)
Successful completion of a Department of Justice/
Federal Bureau of Investigation (DOJ/FBI) Background Check

Required Training Courses:
ICS 100, IS-700, and SEMS Introduction
OR
Introduction to Incident Management
PLUS
20-Hour Basic CERT Course

Optional Training:
Community and Countywide Exercises
CERT Refresher Training, AHA CPR/First Aid
And More!

These functions could initially be filled by ESS volunteers already in the field and augmented by CERT.