GENERAL OVERVIEW

Emergency Services Support (ESS) is one of four volunteer groups under the Fire Corps Program administered by the San Bernardino County Fire, Office of Emergency Services. A Chief Officer will administer the operational responsibilities for ESS specific to the assigned fire station and the needs of the fire suppression personnel.

ESS volunteers are expected to properly learn and conduct tasks that will support fire suppression staff at each station on a day-to-day basis as well as the needs expected in the field during a small or large incident. This allows first responders to focus on operations and training while at the same time increasing the department’s capacity and services. ESS volunteers will also support OES and PIO Divisions.

TASKS/ACTIVITIES

- On-Scene Incident Support*
- Pre-shelter Reception*
- Red Flag Warning Patrol
- Video/Photography
- Clerical Support
- Ice Patrol
- Publication Creation & Design
- Technical Support
- Public Outreach
- Seismic Simulator Operations
- Logistical Support
- Transport Assignments

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years of age or older
Must possess a CA Class C Driver’s License
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
Fire Station/800 Radio Communications Etiquette
AHA CPR/First Aid

Optional Training:
County Fire Driver Training, Seismic Simulator Operation, CERT, Amateur/Ham Radio Operations and more

Minimum of 8 volunteer hours per month

*These functions could initially be filled by ESS volunteers already in the field and augmented by other Fire Corps groups.