



CERT TEAM MEMBERSHIP: LEVEL 2 & 3 REQUIREMENTS

The membership of Hemet Fire/EMS Department Advanced CERT Team shall be volunteers of the community who are over the age of eighteen (18) and have successfully completed the required Federal Basic Level CERT training as determined by the Hemet Fire/EMS Department.

Individuals wishing to become Category 2 or Category 3 members of an affiliate CERT Team will be required to fill out an application that will be provided at the final training session of the CERT training program, and return the application to the Coordinator of Emergency Management for consideration.

Applicants will be subject to a background and driver's license check. After successful background clearance, completed application and ICS Courses a volunteer ID will be provided.

Applicants must provide a current, valid driver's license and required proof of automobile insurance.

Persons participating in the Hemet Fire/EMS Department CERT program agree to and will abide by the following rules and understand that members will be removed from membership for violation of the following:

ACTIVATION AND CALL-OUT PROCEDURES FOR CERT TEAMS:

- Hemet Fire/EMS Department CERT Teams may be called upon by Emergency Management or specifically identified public safety officials to provide specific aid or assistance in a manner determined by the Coordinator of Emergency Management or Incident Commander.
- CERT Teams will be activated by the Emergency Management Coordinator when an emergency or other event requires additional human resources for assistance and will follow the chain of command outlined in the Hemet Fire/EMS Department EOP.
- Industrial or specific business group CERT Teams will be activated for that business as determined in that business' Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Hemet Fire/EMS Department CERT trained individuals will act first to aid their families and adjacent neighbors. Once safety measures have been completed, team members will self-mobilize; assessing damages, problems, and conducting size-up of the situation while in route to their predetermined staging location and provide information to their District Point of Contact.
- Teams will be given specific instructions on where to go, or procedures to initiate to begin the response and recovery process from their District POC.

- Teams will select a team leader from those present. The leader will provide for safety by assuring that all team members have completed CERT training, have the appropriate safety and other equipment necessary and are physically capable of performing the assigned tasks.
- Team leaders will set priorities and delegate responsibility and specific assignments for each team member.
- Teams will always have a minimum of two (2) members before activating, and those teammates shall stay together until reassigned.
- CERT District POC will be responsible for the team communications with the Hemet Fire/EMS Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Incident Commander at the scene of deployment.
- Team members will communicate only with the District POC & their CERT Team Leader as pre-instructed using NIMS/ICS span of control procedures.
- Team members must stay together as assigned and will not “free-lance” away from their assigned task.
- Team members will only perform tasks equal to their level of training and at no time will they attempt to perform tasks beyond their scope of training and the assignment directive.
- Team Leaders and members will “stand by” for further instructions after they have completed the assigned task(s), and will await further deployment or dismissal instructions from their District POC, Hemet Fire/EMS Department Emergency Department, Emergency Management or the Incident Commander.

LEVEL 2 & 3 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Basic Level CERT Course
- IS – 700a: NIMS, An Introduction
- IS – 100b: Introduction to ICS

FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute offers free on-line NIMS-compliant training ranging from 1 to 3 hours in length. For a course list, visit:
<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

CERT RESPONSE COMMAND STRUCTURE

