THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT volunteers can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an emergency and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

After joining the San Dimas CERT Team, volunteers will have opportunities to participate in disaster exercises, promote emergency preparedness at community events, and respond to disasters in coordination with emergency responders in the City of San Dimas and other local communities.

To learn more about the CERT program or to apply, contact Larry Giannone at (909) 542-2505 or cert@sandimasca.gov.

Information

Application

We need you.

CERT HISTORY

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs.

CERT became a national program in 1993. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories. Each is unique to its community and all are essential to building a Culture of Preparedness in the United States. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide and more than 600,000 people have trained since CERT became a national program.

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

The San Dimas CERT Team is a critical emergency response asset in the City, and as such, it is important that members are dedicated to making the necessary commitment of time. To become a member of San Dimas's CERT Team, individuals must do the following:

1. Graduate from the Community Emergency Response Team training program, Certificate of Completion due when your application is submitted;
2. Register with the City as a Disaster Service Worker;
3. Complete Standardized Emergency Management System online training; within 90 days from the CERT Members application date;
4. Complete FEMA's online courses: IS-100 (ICS) and IS-700 (Intro to NIMS), within 90 days from the CERT Members application date;
5. Be willing to attend periodic meetings, training sessions, and drills;
6. Be willing to support at least two community events per year;
7. Be willing to participate on at least one CERT committee;
8. Successfully complete the "Live Scan" process;
9. Be willing to provide their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
10. Be willing to serve at least 30 hours per year, including time at meetings, trainings and events;
11. Be willing and able to work in the potentially physically demanding and/or stressful environment that may be present in disaster situations;
12. Be a resident of San Dimas or employed within the City of San Dimas; and
13. Ensure they operate with the highest level of professionalism and decorum when serving as a San Dimas CERT member.