

CERT Participation Levels

Level 1 – Basic

These are class participants who have chosen not to apply to join a CERT Team. During a disaster they will help at the family and neighborhood level.

They may identify themselves as CERT trained, but not as CERT Team members.

Mandatory

- Complete the 21-hour FEMA certified CERT Basic Training Course
- Complete at least 5 hours of continuing education per year
- No DSW Badge

Level 2 – Team

CERT Team member

Mandatory

- Complete requirements for Level 1
- Be sworn in as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW)
- Join a CERT Team within Santa Cruz County
- Complete the following online courses (training.fema.gov/is/)
 - IS100c -- Basic Incident Command System
 - IS200b -- ICS for Single Resource and Initial Actions Incidents
 - IS700b – Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Level 3 – Leadership

Assume a leadership position/or complete additional training

Mandatory

- All CERT Level 1 and 2 requirements
- Leadership meetings, training classes, and exercises

Optional

- CPR/First Aid/AED class
- Shelter Fundamentals and Shelter Simulation (American Red Cross)
- CERT Animal Response I and II
- Communications (Classroom)
- Traffic Safety Management (Classroom)
- Head-to-Toe Examination Review (Classroom)

Ineligible

Those removed for violation of the Code of Conduct