

## **CERT PARTICIPATION LEVELS**

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### **CERT Trained - Ineligible for activation**

These are class participants who have chosen not to join a CERT Team during a disaster, but will respond under the Good Samaritan Law helping family and neighbors.

They may identify themselves as CERT trained, but not as active CERTs.

#### ***Mandatory:***

- Complete the FEMA certified CERT Basic Training Course
- No DSW Badge

### **Active Responder - Eligible for activation**

#### ***Mandatory:***

- Complete CERT Basic Training
- Be sworn in as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW)

#### ***Required for Recertification every 5 years:***

- Complete 25 hours of Continuing Education
- Annually attend at least one Team meeting or drill,
- Complete the following online courses ([training.fema.gov/is/](http://training.fema.gov/is/))
  - IS 100 -- Basic Incident Command System
  - IS 200 -- ICS for Single Resource and Initial Actions Incidents

#### ***Recommended:***

- Join a CERT Team within Santa Cruz County, if possible
- Complete IS 700 – Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

### **Leadership – Eligible for activation**

Assumes a leadership position and/or complete additional training.

#### ***Mandatory:***

- All requirements and recommendations for Active Responder
- Attend leadership meetings, training classes, and exercises
- Active participation in a leadership role –Auxiliary Board Member, Team Leader, CERT Instructor, Auxiliary Command/General Staff

#### ***Optional:***

- CPR/First Aid/AED class
- Red Cross Shelter Deployment/Operations
- FEMA CERT Animals in Disaster (IS 10, IS 11)
- MURS Communications Basic and Advanced (on website)
- Traffic Safety Management (Classroom, Hands-on)
- PG&E Utilities Safety
- Stop the Bleed
- CERT Instructor Train the Trainer
- Amateur Radio License

### **Ineligible**

Those removed for violation of the Code of Conduct.