



La Verne CERT Team Membership Levels & Requirements

Membership on the La Verne CERT Team is open to all graduates of the CERT basic training course who live or work in the City of La Verne. Graduates who desire to join the Team must complete the Level 1 requirements listed below. ("Training-Level" graduates are those who do not live or work in La Verne or choose not to join the team.) Team membership is encouraged but not required.

The purpose is to meet the participation requirements of the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan and to conform to the standards of neighboring CERT programs. Members may advance to the next level after completing the necessary participation and training requirements. IMPORTANT NOTE: The La Verne CERT emergency call-out team for disaster response begins at Level 2. Each level described below is identified by a colored dot (green, yellow, or red) that matches the color of the lanyard worn by the members of that level .

Instructions for taking the required FEMA IS and SEMS G606 on-line courses are provided [here](#).

Level 1 – CERT COMMUNITY RESPONDER

Level 1 is the entry level of the La Verne CERT team. While not part of the emergency call-out team, these members may participate in a variety of activities as listed below to support the LVFD and City. Members may advance to Level 2 after completing all Level 1 participation requirements.

Requirements:

1. Complete the Basic CERT Course (Classroom version)
2. IS-100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
3. IS-700 – Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
4. Obtain a favorable Live Scan background check (instructions provided after verification of steps 1-3)
5. Submit DSW Registration Form ¹
6. Participate in Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Loyalty Oath Swearing-In ¹
7. Sign La Verne CERT Code of Conduct ¹
8. Obtain a La Verne CERT photo ID badge ¹
9. Attend a minimum of 50% CERT-sponsored training per year to maintain Level 1 status.
10. Attend a minimum of 50% LV CERT meetings per year to maintain Level 1 status.

Recommended:

- Current American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR AED First Aid certification.
- IS-315a – CERT and the Incident Command System
- Meet the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan Requirements ²
- IS-505 – Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster
- CERT Firefighter Rehab Training
- Sandbag training

Description:

A CERT Responder (Level 1) may be called upon to assist the organization with pre-planned local events such as the July 4th parade, Wine Walk or Beer Trot, and to assist with CERT outreach at community events. Additional Level 1 activities may include teaching Sidewalk CPR, filling sandbags, and participating

in daytime firefighter rehab call-outs. Level 1 CERT Community Responders are issued a GREEN lanyard to attach their CERT badge.

Level 2 – CERT SPECIALIST RESPONDER

Requirements:

1. Attain Level 1; minimum training and organizational participation for at least 6 months at Level 1.
2. Meet the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan Requirements ²
3. FRS Radio Communications training
4. Attend a minimum of 50% of CERT-sponsored training opportunities per year ³
5. Attend a minimum of 50% of LV CERT meetings per year
6. Complete any one of the following trainings:
 - a. IS-242 – Effective Communication
 - b. Technician (beginner) HAM Radio license
 - c. Advanced Medical Training (choose 1):
 - i. BLS for Healthcare Providers
 - ii. EMT training, Wilderness First Aid, or other Advanced First Aid
 - iii. Other as offered

Others: CERT Animal Response; Special Needs

Recommended:

- Current American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR AED First Aid certification.
- IS-201 – Forms Used for the Development of the Incident Action Plan
- IS-800 – National Response Framework, an Introduction
- American Heart Association CPR Instructor training
- CERT Firefighter Rehab Training

Optional:

- Active Shooter Awareness training **OR**
- IS-907: Active Shooter: What You Can Do

Description:

A Specialist Responder (Level 2) may be called out for both emergency response and organizational service, and be used as a CERT Team Leader for activities, events, etc. In addition to the activities offered in Level 1, Level 2 activities would include CERT operations during an emergency response, firefighter rehab and other specialized call-outs, CPR Instructor, and assisting in teaching and training new CERT applicants and leading on-going training programs. Level 2 CERT Specialist Responders are issued a YELLOW lanyard to attach their CERT badge.

Level 3 – CERT COMMAND RESPONDER

Requirements:

1. Attain Level 2
2. Meet the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan Requirements ²
3. Complete IS-200 – Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
4. Complete IS-230 – Fundamentals of Emergency Management

5. Attend a minimum of 50% of CERT-sponsored training opportunities per year³
6. Attend a minimum of 50% of LV CERT meetings per year
7. Complete any two of the following
 - a. IS-240 – Leadership and Influence
 - b. IS-241 – Decision Making and Problem Solving
 - c. IS-242 – Effective Communication

Recommended:

- Current American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR AED First Aid certification.
- CERT Train-the-Trainer Course Certification

Description:

A Command Responder (Level 3) may be called out for both emergency response and organizational service, and shall be able to assume CERT leadership roles or serve as CERT liaison with the EOC as soon as possible in a large-scale emergency response. In addition to the activities offered in the previous levels, Level 3 activities would include CERT operations leadership during an emergency response, firefighter rehab and other specialized call-outs. Level 3 CERT Command Responders are issued a RED lanyard to attach their CERT badge.

¹ Completed with LVFD CRRS after completing Level 1 Requirements 1-4.

² Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan requirements for participation:

Training requirements:

1. CERT Basic Training
2. SEMS G606 – Standardized Emergency Management System Introduction (how the State is organized and operates in emergency situations)
3. IS-100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
4. IS-700 – National Incident Management System (NIMS)
5. American Red Cross (ARC) Shelter Fundamentals (only for shelter operation requests; otherwise optional)
6. CERT Traffic and Crowd Management (only for traffic and crowd management requests; otherwise optional)

Additional requirements:

- Participants must also meet uniform, background check (live scan), ID, PPE, and equipment requirements as outlined in the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan. LV CERT will ensure its members are properly equipped for participation.
- Agencies requesting assistance under the Area D Regional CERT Mutual Aid Plan may require additional training which must be identified at the time of the request.

³ Serving as Instructor or Asst. Instructor at the basic CERT class may be substituted for one monthly training.

