

## CERT CHAPLAIN CORPS

**PURPOSE:** To provide non denominational, non sectarian support in times of emergency and crisis to CERT trained personnel only, and will be available to assist others if assigned by an Incident Command.

**SUPERVISION:** Due to the CERT level of training for CERT deployment, deployment will be as a CERT chaplain only. At the site, be assigned by the CERT team leader to work primarily within the CERT staging area, unless services are needed or required elsewhere as determined by Incident Command.

**UNIFORMS:** Specially issued ID card designating them as a Chaplain. They will also be easily identified with SACRAMENTO CERT CHAPLAIN on the back of vest and Black shirts with Sacramento CERT Chaplain on the back.

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND/OR REVIEW AREAS:** For those who have not already completed a chaplaincy training course, additional training in the chaplaincy related courses necessary for the position need to be obtained. Some of the courses are in: PTSD, compassion fatigue, missing persons, and any supplemental subjects that may be considered necessary.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to any CERT trained person who is either: 1) an ordained minister, priest or rabbi; 2) a non-ordained volunteer minister associated with a church, or 3) a minister or chaplain from a church that does not ordain their ministers. The CERT member must provide a copy of their ordination certificate; a copy of a certificate issued by a church as a volunteer minister; or two letters from the leaders of a church that does not provide certificates or ordination papers. CERT trained members from any denomination are welcome to be a part of this group. We will not recruit outside people who have not undergone CERT training and become an affiliated member of the Sacramento CITY CERT.

**NON DISASTER SITUATION:** CERT chaplains are available to any Sacramento CERT member at any time if CERT member needs their services for visitation of ill members, family crisis, etc.

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