



# San Diego Rural

## Community Emergency Response Team

### (SDR CERT)

#### Personal Information Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk, and Rules of Engagement Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Phone: H (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ W (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ C (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Radio Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information Release:**

I am checking and initialing this Personal Information Release with the understanding that all personal information I have released to San Diego Rural C.E.R.T. (except my driver license and social security information which I wish to have remain confidential within C.E.R.T.) can be used for the use and enhancement of the San Diego Rural C.E.R.T. organization. This includes information to be listed on the internet in affiliation with San Diego Rural C.E.R.T., i.e., name, phone numbers, email address, etc. or San Diego Rural C.E.R.T. rosters for San Diego Rural C.E.R.T. personnel only.

I agree to release my information as described above \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT agree to release my personal information as described above \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Assumption of Risk:**

1. I hereby acknowledge that my participation in CERT related training is at my own risk. I understand that I am not participating in this training under any expressed or implied



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appointment, contract of hire, training program, or apprenticeship. I further understand and agree that a volunteer position does not constitute an employee-employer relationship with San Diego Rural Fire Protection District, and that the District may terminate my volunteer status at any time. San Diego Rural Fire Protection District is under no obligation to reimburse me for training or duty related expenses. I recognize the dangers involved in strenuous activities, including but not limited to lifting weight in excess of 160 pounds, climbing, and running.

2. I hereby assume these risks and unconditionally waive all present and future claims against San Diego Rural CERT, the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District, its officers, officials, volunteers, and agents for claims arising out of my participation in this training. It is further agreed that all of my rights against any government entity under Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California and any similar law of any state or territory of the United States are hereby expressly waived.
3. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless San Diego Rural CERT and/or San Diego Rural Fire Protection District, its officers, officials, volunteers, and agents for claims arising out of injury to the person or property relating to participation in CERT training. I acknowledge that the CERT program does not have medical insurance that applies to my participation in the process and that I am responsible for my own medical insurance and medical expenses. I further acknowledge that the CERT program has no information regarding my physical condition or capability to participate in this training.

### **Rules of Engagement:**

1. I will act in a respectful manner in dealing with the public while undertaking any activities as a San Diego Rural CERT member.
2. I will not carry or possess any weapons while undertaking any activities as a San Diego Rural CERT member including meetings, training classes, and special events.
3. I will not respond after taking any prescribed or over the counter medications that may alter my physical capabilities, such as medications that contain alcohol, or alcoholic beverages.
4. I will not bring or consume alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs to any SDR CERT activity, including meetings, training classes, or special events.
5. I will maintain the equipment and emergency gear issued to me by SDR CERT in good condition and will store it in a place that will prevent items from being borrowed or taken by unauthorized persons.
6. I understand that equipment and emergency gear issued to me as a SDR CERT member must be signed for and returned if I wish to become inactive or my service is terminated.



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7. I will attend two (2) training sessions per calendar year (one of them must be a drill) to be considered active in the SDR CERT program. Failure to complete this attendance will result in being placed on the inactive list.
8. I will only use my CERT Disaster Service Worker card, CERT vest and CERT helmet during official SDR CERT activities.
9. I will not operate any vehicles or machinery not owned by me for CERT unless assigned to do so by professional responders.
10. I will not physically force any member of the public to act against their will while undertaking any activities as a San Diego Rural CERT member.
11. I will not act in a manner that is disruptive to San Diego Rural Fire Protection District emergency response personnel or my fellow San Diego Rural CERT members.
12. I will not seek to become engaged in an emergency that is being handled by San Diego Rural Fire Protection District or any other State or Federal agency without being dispatched or without prior authorization from the agency in charge.
13. I will only act in a team-oriented manner and will, upon satisfying the Rules of Engagement, obey the commands and directions given to me by my San Diego Rural Fire Protection District Emergency Coordinator (EC) or acting supervisor (Division Chief) and/or (Team Captain) while undertaking any activities as a San Diego Rural CERT member.
14. I will be held accountable for any actions that are not followed within the San Diego Rural CERT Rules of Engagement, and therefore may be subject to the following disciplinary options which are: remedial training, verbal counseling, written warning, suspension and/or dismissal with forfeiture of all CERT gear and identification and/or affiliation with San Diego Rural CERT.

**Before engaging in any activity, San Diego Rural CERT members need to answer the following four questions: Am I dispatched to it? Am I trained to do it? Am I equipped to do it? Am I mentally and physically prepared to do it?**

**If the answer to any of these is no – THEN PLEASE DON'T DO IT!**

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**Community Emergency Response Team**  
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**PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**SD COUNTY C.E.R.T. #** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXP. DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Battalion Assignment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAP GRID/AREA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_