Membership

The Camarillo DART has members of all ages, backgrounds, professions, and talents. Members must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age.
- Live or Work in the City of Camarillo area.
- Must be in good health.
- Have a strong desire to serve the community.
- Must complete 80 hours of core C.E.R.T. training.
- Attend monthly meetings that are held on the THIRD Wednesday of each month.
- Pass a background check issued by Sheriff's personnel.

For further information on this program, please complete the following:

Camarillo Police Department's Disaster Assistance Response Team Interest Card

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________ Zip ______
Home Phone (____) ________________
Work Phone (____) __________________
Cell Phone (____) __________________
Occupation ________________________
E-Mail _____________________________

Mail or drop off completed application to:
Camarillo Police Department
C/O SST II Todd Eskridge
Community Resource Officer
3701 E. Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA 93010
Questions: (805)388-5129

Sponsored By:
The City of Camarillo
MISSION STATEMENT

To respond in support of the City of Camarillo and the County of Ventura, under the direction of local law enforcement, in times of general need, emergency, and declared disaster.

BACKGROUND

In October 1989, organized and trained citizens assisted the communities that were struck by the Loma Prieta earthquake. Their efforts were recognized and greatly appreciated by emergency services professionals and the citizens of the communities they served.

The City of Camarillo recognized the importance of having a citizen’s response group that could be activated to assist emergency service workers in the event of disaster or large-scale emergency. In March of 1990, by City Council resolution, the Camarillo Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) was formed.

TRAINING

DART members must undergo 80 hours of CERT core training and continuous training in the following:

- Basic Life Support, First Aid and CPR
- Urban Search and Rescue
- Scene Survey and Damage Assessment
- Mass Casualty Management and Triage
- Fire Suppression
- Traffic and Crowd Control
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Media Relations at the Incident

Monthly training exercises and disaster simulations are scheduled to test response to given emergency scenarios. In addition to internal training, many DART members are personal certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and Amateur Radio (HAM) operators. Members attend local and state sponsored training seminars.

EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES

Members wear uniforms with distinctive shoulder and name patches. Other equipment issued by the City includes hard-hats with lights, reflective vests, rainwear, and communication equipment. Supplemental equipment includes pry bars, sledgehammers, portable halogen lighting, first aid kits, stretchers, generators, and the mobile command post.

Emergency Response Vehicles

The Emergency Response Vehicle or E.R.V. serves as the command, planning, and transportation instrument for a given incident or event. The ERV along with a 24 foot Mobile Command trailer contain emergency rescue and first aid equipment and can serve as the incident command center. Additional supplies needed at the time of an emergency activation are stored in the support trailer.