



San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team Appendix A: Activation Procedure

The San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department (SMCFD) will activate the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) when it is determined that professional first responders need additional assets and the task is within the CERT scope of training. The most likely event that will cause an activation is a large-scale earthquake or other area-wide emergency. Activation could be soon after or days after an incident.

****REMEMBER: CERT DOES NOT SELF-ACTIVATE. PLEASE WAIT FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY SMCFD.****

CERT members should expect to receive notification of an official activation through any or all of the following methods:

1. A text message from San Mateo County's (SMC) alerting system, **SMC Alert**. Please register all your electronic text capable devices by going to www.smcalert.info. Be sure to click "CERT trained" in your profile.
2. An official announcement over the emergency **Amateur Radio (HAM), Radio**, frequency for your city:
 - Belmont 147.090 MHz PL 100 plus offset
 - Foster City 147.570 MHz PL 114.8
 - San Mateo 146.550 MHz PL 114.8
3. An official announcement over **Local Government Access Television** (Channel 27 in Belmont, Foster City, and San Mateo).
4. An official announcement over the **Emergency Advisory Radio System**:
 - Foster City **Radio** 1680 AM.
 - San Mateo **Radio** 530 AM.
5. An announcement from your CERT Neighborhood (NBH)/Emergency Response District (ERD) Leaders (who have received an official announcement from a San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department representative) on the assigned **Family Radio Service (FRS)/ General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS)/ Multi-Use Radio Service (MURS)** radio channel for your neighborhood/ERD.
6. An official announcement to CERT-trained volunteers on **local commercial radio or television**.

When you receive an official activation notification:

- **First** take care of yourself, your family, and your home.
- Then **report to** the designated Field Division Post for your neighborhood/ERD or an otherwise specifically designated meeting place with the appropriate personal protective equipment when you are ready.
- **DO NOT call** SMCFD or 9-1-1 for more information.