

## WHERE DO I FIT IN?

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**BOTTOM LINE:** Providing a general contact list and basic division breakdown for active ACS and CERT members as well as those interested in upgrading their status from "Net Contact" to ACS or CERT membership.

If your division supervisor has not already contacted you, I am giving you their contact information so they can address any questions you may have regarding ACS or ECS activities.

### UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

o **CERT:** We actively participate with both the Rancho Cucamonga and Upland Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

# Rancho Cucamonga: Rancho Cucamonga makes a distinction between their Basic CERT (train and release) and Advanced CERT (on-going training, advanced skill development and task organization in accordance with city needs). The Rancho Cucamonga Advanced CERT falls under the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District's span of control. You can find more information on the Rancho Cucamonga CERT program [here](#).

# Upland: Upland CERT has three levels of membership emphasizing different advanced skill sets. Upland CERT is a non-funded program and raises its operational funds through its members. Upland CERT is part of the Upland Community Foundation which provides for their 501-c-3 status as a not-for-profit organization. Upland CERT responds to tasking from the Upland Police Department. You can find more information on the Upland CERT program [here](#).

o **ACS:** The Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) has provided disaster, emergency and community communications service for the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland for over 25 years. Although the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District has taken the responsibility for consolidating volunteer applications, Live Scan background checks and training documentation, anyone living or working within the general area (and meeting specific requirements) may apply for membership and participate in training opportunities. There is an expectation, of course, that as a volunteer disaster service worker you will respond as directed during a disaster or emergency. You can find more specific information on the ACS membership requirements [here](#).

o **ECS:** The Emergency Communications Service (ECS) provides communications, technical and logistical support for the San Bernardino County Fire's Office of Emergency Services (OES). The ECS organization, made up of more than 250 members, is the single largest Operational Division within San Bernardino County Fire and has been in existence since 1952. Membership requirements for the ECS mirror the ACS with some additional online FEMA coursework as well as specialty in-house training provided by ECS-contracted instructors. Just like the ACS, you will become a volunteer disaster service worker with all of the requirements and expectations affiliated with that position. However, the training and response opportunities are county-wide, which greatly increases your ability to become more proficient in disaster and emergency response. You can find more information about the ECS [here](#).

**BASIC REQUIREMENT:** Any member of the ACS general staff, including division supervisors, must comply with annual training expectations and remain in good standing.

**STRUCTURE:** The ACS follows the Incident Command System (ICS), part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Both ICS and NIMS are discussed in basic CERT classes, so the positions should be easily identifiable:

**GENERAL STAFF**

- o **Chief Radio Officer:** David Sage (KI6UXO@tricityacs.net)
- o **Finance and Administration Section Lead:** Angela Sandoval (KM6WZC@tricityacs.net)
- o **Logistics Section Lead:** Stanley Ziemelis (KM6KNU@tricityacs.net)
- o **Operations Section Lead:** Joe Camacho, Jr., KK6UTJ (KK6UTJ@tricityacs.net)
- o **Planning Section Lead:** Robert Long (KK6UTK@tricityacs.net)

In Rancho Cucamonga, divisions have been assigned by their location north or south of Baseline Road. Rancho North, for example, encompasses anyone in the area north of Baseline Road including Rialto, Lytle Creek and North Fontana. Rancho South includes individuals in Fontana, Bloomington, Riverside and Yucaipa. In Upland, the dividing line remains 16th street. Upland North includes anyone north of 16th Street in Upland and north of Baseline in Claremont. Upland South currently includes the southern part of Upland, Montclair, Ontario and members in Chino, Chino Hills and Pomona.

**DIVISION STAFF**

- o **Rancho North (RCN):** Richard Arnold (KK6UTG@tricityacs.net)
- o **Rancho South (RCS):** Jeff Widen (K6QCB@tricityacs.net)
- o **Upland North (UPN):** Jim McDougal (KG6JBQ@tricityacs.net)
- o **Upland South (UPS):** Joe Almeda (KB6KOV@tricityacs.net)

In addition to our general and division staff members we also maintain a liaison presence with Rancho Cucamonga Advanced CERT and Upland CERT leadership.

**CERT LIAISON STAFF**

- o **Rancho Cucamonga Advanced CERT:** Elizabeth Zuppari (KM6UHM@tricityacs.net)
- o **Upland CERT:** Joe Camacho Jr., KK6UTJ (KK6UTJ@tricityacs.net)

If you need to contact the staff or your division supervisor, please note their e-mail address above. If you have questions about joining the ECS or training opportunities within the ACS and the ECS, please contact your division supervisor. Questions about CERT training beyond the basic Train-and-Release programs can be addressed through the appropriate liaison contact above.

## NOTES

1. You can obtain a free @tricityacs.net e-mail forwarding alias if you become an ACS/ECS dual status member.
2. You do not have to join the ECS if you have no desire to do so; both the ACS and the ECS remain strictly voluntary.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Thank you,

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