

Cary CERT Membership Levels

General Member

Belonging to Cary CERT starts with taking the CERT Basic class. This can be taken anywhere in the United States as long as a copy (electronic or printed) is provided to a Cary CERT board member.

Becoming a general member means you'd like to attend some additional training Cary CERT provides monthly. To do this, we ask you to fill in an information sheet and sign the hold harmless liability form.

This is when members will be entered into the database and onto the general Cary CERT email list.

Voting Member

Being a voting member of Cary CERT allows you vote in the November general election. To do this, complete the information sheet, sign the hold harmless liability form, and attend 4 Cary CERT events within the past 12 months. This is a floating 12-month period so, for example, to vote in November, you would have to have 4 events from November 1 of 2013 to October 31 of 2014.

The events can be participating in the monthly training, attending board meetings, helping teach any of the Cary CERT basic classes, or participating at one of the community events where we provide information about CERT. Some fund raising events do not count if information is not being provided at the same time to the community.

Attendance names are from the 214s provided at each event. If you have not signed in during the event on this form, you will not be counted for the event and, subsequently, attendance at the event will not be counted.

Basic "Card-Carrying" Member

To get a picture ID badge, you must do everything required for the Voting Membership plus complete FEMA Courses ICS 100 and ICS 700. These can be found on the FEMA website at:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.aspx>

Email you certificates to the GO team captain who will record it in the database. At this point, we'll take your picture and send it to the Town of Cary where they will create a Cary CERT badge. You will need to go to the Town of Cary to pick your badge up. It will have a dated sticker on it that is good for the rest of the current calendar year. At January's monthly training meeting, new date stickers will be provided to eligible members. A database report is available to the board to let us know who has attended 4 meetings in the last 12 months. Date stickers will be available at other events throughout the year if you miss January's meeting.

GO Team Member

GO Team members have 4 extra events they can attend during the year. These are often hands-on events that really increase your skill level to be a valuable member of a CERT operation.

GO Team members become a part of a call tree where we serve as extra help to the Town of Cary during emergencies. Every GO Team member receives the tree electronically with associated instructions on

what to do if you are called out. The call out will be by phone and a GO Team email list. If the GO Team member also has text capability on their phone, then they are also added to that list and contacted through that means.

All GO Team members are also part of the Town of Cary Emergency Communications System where we will receive calls directly from the Town in the event our help is needed.

To become a member of the GO Team, starting January 2015, you must do everything required for the Basic Membership plus complete FEMA Course ICS 200. We highly recommend also completing ICS 800, but it is not a requirement. Email you certificates to the GO team captain who will record it in the database.

Keeping up your attendance at trainings is very important for this membership. The GO team captain reviews GO team attendance records monthly and if a GO team member is at risk for not having enough training in that 12 months (May 1 of the past year to April 30 of the present, for example), then an email is sent reminding them of the attendance requirements and listing some events for the month. If you are unable to keep up with attendance or just wish to be taken off the GO team for whatever reason, contact the GO Team Captain. He/She will remove you from all GO Team email lists and make sure the Town of Cary is contacted so you can be removed from their emergency communication system.

In January, an email is sent to all GO team members (and members who are not yet on the GO team but have met all the requirements) asking if they would like to continue in the new year. Email "RSVPs" include updating all personal information (addresses, phone contacts, etc.) and are kept as a record. The database is updated to include all responses and any changes to information. Non-responses will be followed up once with a phone call before a member is dropped from this membership level.

A colored sticker will be added to each GO team member's badge at the January monthly training meeting for all who responded to the email. Renewal stickers will be available at other events throughout the year if you miss January's meeting or become eligible later in the year.

Summary Table

	Basic Class and Received Information Sheet and Legal Form (Entered into Database)	4 Events	Completes ICS 100 and 700 (Receive ID Card)	Completes ICS 200 (GO Team tree and access to Box account)
General Member	●			
Voting Member	●	●		
Basic Member	●	●	●	
GO Team Member	●	●	●	●