

Acronyms & Definitions

ABC	- Airway, Breathing, Circulation (CPR)
ACS	- Auxiliary Communications Service
AED	- Automated External Defibrillator
ARC	- American Red Cross
ARES	- Amateur Radio Emergency Service
ATF	- Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
ARK	- Not an acronym, just a large shipping container used for storage
BNICE	- Biological, Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical, Explosive
BRMA	- Business Recovery Managers Association
CADRE	- Collaborating Agencies Disaster Relief Effort (Santa Clara County)
CALWAS	- CALifornia Warning Alert System
CAP	- Civil Air Patrol
CARD	- Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disaster (Alameda County)
CARES	- Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service
CBRNE	- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive
CCC	- California Conservation Corps
CCP	- Casualty Collection Point
CDC	- Centers for Disease Control
CDF	- California Division of Forestry
CERT	- Community Emergency Response Team
CESA	- California Emergency Services Association
CHP	- California Highway Patrol
CISM	- Critical Incident Stress Management
Citizen Corps- Group of recognized State volunteer organizations including Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Team, Neighborhood Watch and Amateur Radio (Cupertino also considers Block Leaders members of Citizen Corps)	
CLETS	- California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System
CP	- Command Post
CPR	- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
CST	- Civil Support Team
DAC	- Disaster Application Center, Disaster Assistance Center
DAT	- Disaster Action Team (Red Cross)
DEOC	- Departmental Emergency Operations Center
DES	- Director of Emergency Services

DFO	- Disaster Field Office
DHHS	- Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	- Department of Homeland Security
DMAT	- Disaster Medical Assistance Team
DMORT	- Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team
DMT	- Disaster Management Team (Red Cross)
DOC	- Department Operations Center, Dept of Correction
DOE	- Department of Energy
DOJ	- Department of Justice
DOT	- Department of Transportation
DRC	- Disaster Recovery Center
DSW	- Disaster Service Worker
EAS	- Emergency Alert System
EMMA	- Emergency Management Mutual Aid
EMS	- Emergency Medical Services (local)
EMSA	- Emergency Medical Services Authority (state)
EMT	- Emergency Medical Technician
EOC	- Emergency Operations Center
EOP	- Emergency Operations Plan
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	- Emergency Preparedness Council
EPIO	- Emergency Public Information Officer
ERT	- Emergency Response Team (Businesses)
ESC	- Emergency Services Coordinator
ESF	- Emergency Support Function
FBI	- Federal Bureau of Investigation
FEMA	- Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	- Geographical Information System
GPS	- Global Positioning Satellite
HAZMAT	- Hazardous Materials
HEAT	- Home Emergency Assistance Team (CERT) Santa Clara
HVAC	- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
IAP	- Incident Action Plan
IC	- Incident Command
ICP	- Incident Command Post
ICS	- Incident Command System

IT	- Information Technology
JIC	- Joint Information Center
LZ	- Landing Zone
MACS	- Multi Agency Coordination System
MCIP	- Multiple Casualty Incident Plan
MMRS	- Metropolitan Medical Response System
MMTF	- Metropolitan Medical Task Force
MRC	- Medical Reserve Corps
NAWAS	- National Warning Alert System
NBC	- Nuclear, Biological, Chemical
Neighborhood Watch – Volunteer program used to reduce neighborhood crime	
NIMS	- National Incident Management System
NMRT	- National Medical Response Team
NTSB	- National Transportation Safety Board
NWS	- National Weather Service
OA	- Operational Area
OASIS	- Operational Area Satellite Information System
ODP	- Office of Domestic Preparedness
OEM	- Office of Emergency Management (used in other states)
OES	- Office of Emergency Services
PANDA	- Palo Alto Neighborhood Disaster Assistance (CERT)
PIO	- Public Information Officer
POC	- Point of Contact
PPE	- Personal Protective Equipment
PSA	- Patient Staging Area, Public Service Announcement, Preliminary Safety Assessment
PTSD	- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PW	- Public Works
RACES	- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
REOC	- Regional Emergency Operations Center
Reporting Site- Locations where private citizens and volunteers can go to receive assistance and provide situation status updates. Currently include Garden Gate Elementary School, Hyde Middle School, Vallico Mall, Monta Vista Fire, Seven Springs Fire and Cupertino Fire. Reporting locations may also be referred to as “ARKS”.	
RIMS	- Response Information Management System
RPM	- Respiration, Perfusion, Mental Status (START Triage)
SAR	- Search and Rescue

SCARC	- South County American Red Cross
SCBA	- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
SCNDPP	- South County Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Project (CERT)
SCVCARC	- Santa Clara Valley Chapter American Red Cross
SCVWD	- Santa Clara Valley Water District
SEMS	- Standardized Emergency Management System
SERT	- Sheriff's Emergency Response Team
SitStat	- Situation Status
SNAP	- Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (CERT)
SOC	- State Operations Center
SOG	- Standard Operating Guideline
SOP	- Standard Operating Procedure
Staging	- Location for people and equipment awaiting assignment
START	- Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment
SUV	- Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer
TDS	- Time, Distance, Shielding
TRACEM	- Thermal, Radiological, Asphyxiation, Chemical, Etiological, Mechanical
USAR	- Urban Search and Rescue
USGS	- United States Geological Survey
VMAT	- Veterinary Medical Assistance Team
VMC	- Valley Medical Center (County Hospital)
VOAD	- Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disaster
VTA	- Valley Transportation Authority
WMD	- Weapons of Mass Destruction