

SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT – CERT SAN DIEGO PAID VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH BENEFITS



CA Citizens Corps Americorps VISTA



Deadline to apply: June 28, 2006 **ID # O6VSPCA012-0**
VISTA project start date: Aug 14, 2006 **End date: Aug 14, 2007**

Are you...At least 18 years old and either a college graduate or with at least a few years of work experience and skills? Are you retired from your job but not ready to stop "working?" An organizer, a resource-builder, a self-starter? Desiring to work with the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue department to help expand its CERT San Diego (Community Emergency Response Team) program in disaster preparedness and response? Interested in helping a low-income community get involved? Comfortable committing to one full time opportunity in San Diego, CA assigned to CERT for a one-year period? For more information about CERT San Diego, visit our website: www.CertSanDiego.org

AMERICORPS VISTA BENEFITS FOR ONE YEAR OF SERVICE:

\$4,725	Choice of Americorps Education award or End of Service Stipend. Childcare assistance if eligible. Health coverage. Relocation allowance. Training.
\$11,052	Living allowance.

AmeriCorps*VISTA

Helping Others Help Themselves

*AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty. Through AmeriCorps*VISTA, ordinary people provide extraordinary service in more than 1,200 projects nationwide.*

TO APPLY: (Right click on link and select "open hyperlink" or cut and paste into your browser):
LINK: <https://recruit.cns.gov>

DIRECTIONS TO APPLY FROM THIS LINK:

- Click on "Find a Program" – left column
- Under "Service area" list - choose Homeland Security
- Under "State" list CALIFORNIA
- Under "Work Hours", choose Full time
- Under TYPE- check "No preference"
- Leave "Keyword" blank
- Hit the "submit" button
- The first listing should be CA CITIZENS CORPS AMERICORPS VISTA: choose this box AND Click "show details" at the bottom of this page *(continued)*

CERT VISTA Volunteer opportunity “TO APPLY” (cont.)

- The first listing should be CA CITIZENS CORPS AMERICORPS VISTA: choose this box AND Click “show details” at the bottom of this page
- To apply: Check “YES, I WANT TO APPLY”
- Download Americorps application and send to us at San Diego Fire-Rescue HQ - either Fax to (619) 544-9351, email to: cert@sandiego.gov or mail to: CERT San Diego, San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept. 1010 2nd Ave #400 MS 604 San Diego, CA 92101 by June 28, 2006
- Call CERT San Diego (619) 533-3075 for more information and/or to advise us you’re sending an application.

ABOUT CERT San Diego:

CERT San Diego: Firefighters and Citizens Working Together to Build Safer Communities.

The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue department has learned two valuable lessons from responding to disasters such as wildfires, earthquakes, floods, mudslides and terrorism events: 1) *there are never enough public safety resources to get to every neighborhood quickly* and 2) *citizens want to help*. An innovative new program helps meet this need: ***Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)***.

The goal is to help families, neighbors, businesses and communities get through the first few hours or days following a disaster before help arrives. In the first 72 hours after a large-scale disaster, first responders may be overwhelmed, due to the magnitude of the event. The availability of CERT teams, made up of community members trained in basic disaster response, fire safety, light search and rescue, incident command organization and disaster medical operations will help neighborhoods survive.

Tuition-free CERT classes

CERT San Diego is taught by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. There is no tuition for these hands-on six- week CERT academies for City of San Diego residents. Students learn how to make their homes and neighborhoods safer, build a disaster kit, learn to combat “the three killers”, how to use fire extinguishers and how to form a team working with the Fire Department in disaster situations. Students attend classes on evenings and weekends.

CERT San Diego trains hundreds of student volunteers each year and is building CERT teams in communities throughout San Diego. CERT volunteers stay active through annual refresher courses and drills, community activities and team building. CERT graduates wear distinctive green vests and hats and carry ID cards identifying them as Disaster Service Workers. CERT volunteers are men and women of all backgrounds that are active in the community – or want to be. CERT teams are easiest to build as part of existing civic, community or faith-based groups, non profit organizations, neighborhood watch groups, Homeowners Associations, etc.