Cambria CSD Fire Department
CERT - Standard Operating Guideline

Title: CERT Fire Rehab Team

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Purpose: To organize, train and activate members of the CERT Fire Rehab Team to assist the Cambria CSD Fire Department with specified emergency incidents. The primary focus for the team will be on structure fires, but may include other incidents.

Scope: To ensure that all members have guidelines concerning the CERT Fire Rehab Team.

General: This is the protocol for trained CERT Fire Rehab Team members.

Training Requirements:

Volunteer team members will be required to complete the following:

- ICS 100 – Introduction to Incident Command Systems
- NIMS 700 – Introduction to Incident Management Systems
- Initial Awareness Drill/Training (Cambria Fire Department)
- Initial Performance Drill (Cambria Fire Department)
- Regularly Scheduled Drills/Training (Cambria Fire Department, frequency to be determined)

Activation of Team Personnel:

Generally, all emergency activation requests are through Cambria Fire Department and then relayed to the CERT Coordinator or his designee for team member contacts and responses.

The majority of routine requests will be made after Cambria CSD Fire Department, or CERT Coordinator, makes a request for members to participate in a detail or incident. The normal routine request will be made by:
- Email
- Direct mailing
- Telephone contact (may include Texting)

Emergency or disaster requests can be made to members by:
- Telephone contact (may include Texting)
- Ham Radio
- Personal contact by fire, police or CERT personnel

CERT Fire Rehab Team Chain of Command:

On the scene of an emergency incident the following is the normal team Chain of Command:

- CERT Coordinator (if present)
- CERT Assistant Coordinator (if present)
- Staging Area Manager (SAM) designated by Fire Incident Commander
- Team member designated by Fire Incident Commander

Emergency Incidents / Normal Team Duties:

Assist fire personnel with Rehab Area:

- Set up of safe rehab area away from fire or immediate danger area for firefighters
- Assist with firefighter rehabilitation (hydration, oxygen tanks, equipment needs)
- Perimeter control of the emergency area (posts/directions, erect control boundaries)
- Other support functions as determined by the Fire Incident Commander.