



Southern Nevada CERT 3V Program - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who qualifies to apply for the Southern Nevada CERT 3V Program?
Community members who completed the nine-unit CERT Basic Training in the past 24 to 36 months from the quarterly recruitment date.
2. What is the age minimum?
Eighteen (18) years old
3. How do I apply?
Completely fill out the Interest Form and press submit.
4. Will I be interviewed, or am I automatically in the program?
Upon verification and approval of your Interest Form, the Volunteer Program coordinator will send you an invitation for an interview.
5. How soon after I submit the Interest Form will I be contacted?
Please allow 4-8 business days (City offices are closed on Fridays) to contact you by either phone or email. We will attempt to use both methods of communication.
6. How many hours do I need to commit to volunteer?
A minimum of six (6) hours every six months.
7. Will I be background checked and drug tested?
Yes. To be eligible for volunteer and training opportunities, potential volunteers must complete these requirements at no charge to the volunteer. Submitting to a background check and drug test helps those whom we serve and gives them confidence to accept our help and guidance. Fingerprinting is also required.
8. I already volunteer with another government agency or organization; do I have to go through this process?
Yes, although the new Southern Nevada CERT 3V program serves all of our neighboring communities in North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite, and Boulder cities, in addition to, Clark County unincorporated areas, we operate independently from other organizations. Your affiliation with a nationally supported, locally implemented program is key to a successful, trustworthy volunteer experience for both you and the people we help.
9. What are the physical requirements?
For most assignments, generally good health. Additional requirements vary upon selected activities.
10. Will I get paid to volunteer?
No. A volunteer is described as an individual who willingly gives time and effort to an activity without compensation.

11. Is there a cost to participate in the CERT 3V Program?
No. Training or volunteer opportunities are provided at no cost to the community.
12. Do I need special equipment to participate?
No. Any equipment needed for any emergency or non-emergency activities will be provided.
13. As a volunteer, will I wear an identification card or badge?
Yes. Approved and active volunteers will receive an identification card.
14. Is there a uniform required?
Unless specific activities require otherwise, volunteers must maintain a business casual appearance. Volunteers who complete the required training will be provided a CERT 3V logo vest to wear at all non-emergency and emergency activities plus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Any clothing or equipment with only the CERT logo will not be used as official volunteer attire .
15. Will there be additional training?
Yes. There is a series of required in-person and online trainings.
16. Can my child or family members volunteer with me?
Please refer to questions 1 and 2.
17. Will I be able to self-deploy/activate to a disaster as a CERT 3V?
No. Self-deployment of a CERT 3V is strictly prohibited without being assigned by the Volunteer Program Coordinator, Emergency Management staff, or automated emergency notification system.
18. Is the Southern Nevada CERT 3V Program a non-profit?
No. The Southern Nevada CERT 3V Program does not accept monetary or in-kind donations.
19. Are there remote volunteer opportunities?
Not at this time.
20. Will my volunteer hours and training be tracked and accessible to me?
Yes. All hours will be tracked and accessible to the volunteer.
21. Will training hours count as volunteer hours?
Yes.

Have more questions? Contact me at icedillo@lasvegasnevada.gov or 702-229-2608.