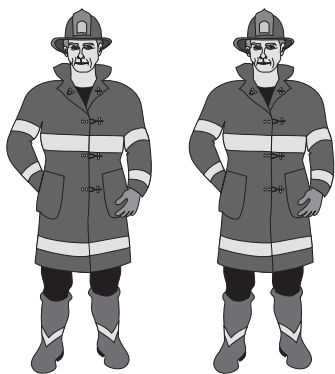


WHAT IS CAER?

CAER stands for Community Awareness & Emergency Response. The Santa Barbara County CAER group includes industry, utilities, emergency assistance organizations, government agencies, environmental organizations, and community representatives who collaborate to prepare for disasters involving hazardous materials, and risks to the community.

HOW DID CAER DEVELOP?

The concept of CAER was developed by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) in 1985. The CMA directed their member companies to review safety and emergency response procedures to ensure that these plans were complete and up-to-date. This movement grew to include all industries that were significant users of chemicals potentially hazardous to the community. The movement resulted in the formation of CAER groups across the country. Over 22 local chapters have been created in California.



WHAT DOES CAER DO?

CAER strives to prepare everyone for the unlikely event of an industrial accident, natural disaster, or utility mishap that involves hazardous materials. CAER's primary goal is hazardous material incident PREVENTION accomplished through safety programs and source reduction. Santa Barbara county CAER has expanded this goal to encompass "All Risk" emergency planning and disaster preparedness.



CAER encourages local chemical and industrial facilities to re-examine their emergency response plans to see how they fit in with other plans in the community. It helps assure that plans are developed where none exist. The community awareness aspect of CAER encourages industry to reach out to their local communities with information about hazardous materials and other emergency preparedness.

CAER members are also encouraged to share valuable emergency planning and chemical safety information with employees at their company or organization.

Santa Barbara County CAER is fortunate to have the support of the **State and County Office of Emergency Services** to actively support the CAER goals and improve partnerships between industry and government agencies, including all **Fire Department** jurisdictions. This support assists with joint planning, communication, and addressing concerns of neighbors, community organizations, and other government agencies.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Bi-monthly membership meetings hosted by member organizations are scheduled around the county. Each meeting focuses on a special topic of local interest, ranging from chemical release response to first aid, business recovery and emergency planning. Guest presenters with unique experience and knowledge are invited to speak.

Professionally designed workshops are tailored to meet the Santa Barbara County needs. Topics range from earthquake awareness and emergency operation center workshops to hazardous materials and disaster field drills. Highly competitive rates make CAER-sponsored training an extremely cost-effective approach for employers to enhance the skills of their response personnel.

Established chapter committees meet on a monthly basis to evolve the organization's goals. Committees available include Emergency Response, Community Awareness, Responsible Care™, Member Services, and Executive (steering).

The **Annual Statewide CAER Conference**, sponsored by local chapters, provides a venue to disseminate information regarding emergency response plan preparation, planning and executing a drill, sheltering-in-place, and seismic preparedness.

Santa Barbara County CAER has created an **Industrial Mutual Aid agreement** approved by member companies to share resources and assistance to members during an emergency. It is the first formal agreement of this sort in California outside of the oil and gas industry.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN CAER IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY?

AMERICAN RED CROSS
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY- ASIS
AMR AMBULANCE
ARES
AZ SAFETY
CALIENT NETWORKS
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL/GOLETA
CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
CAMINO REAL MARKET PLACE
CARPINTERIA SUMMERLAND FIRE DEPT.
CLEAN SEAS
CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
COTTAGE HEALTH SYSTEMS
CREE
CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DEVEREUX FOUNDATION
DIRECT RELIEF INTERNATIONAL
DUPONT DISPLAYS
GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT
GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
GRIFFITH ENVIRONMENTAL
HUNT RESEARCH CORP.
INAMED
INDIGO SYSTEMS
INNOVATIVE MICRO TECHNOLOGY
J C SCENARIO
JOY FIRE PROTECTION
LEPC - REGION 1
LOCKHEED MARTIN / SANTA BARBARA FOCALPLANE
LOCKHEED MARTIN MISSILES & SPACE CO.
McCORMIX CORPORATION
MEDTRONIC - PS MEDICAL
MICHAEL WILLIAMS SECURITY SYSTEMS
NATIONAL DISASTER SEARCH DOG FOUNDATION
NUSIL TECHNOLOGY
RAYTHEON
REGIONAL ENV. BUSINESS RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE
CENTER - REBRAC
ROMIC
RYERSON MASTER & ASSOCIATES
SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EQUINE RESCUE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - OES
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF
SANTA BARBARA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO.
SUPERCONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGY INC.
UC SANTA BARBARA
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
WILDLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

* Based on 2004 members. New members are welcome to join in CAER activities.

EXAMPLES OF HOW CAER HAS HELPED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- Worked with local government to streamline state environmental regulation implementation (e.g., Hazardous Materials Release Reporting).
- Sponsored annual local Community Safety Fair where specialists shared preparedness and response actions.
- Developed a Shelter-In-Place video specific to Santa Barbara County that is being presented to schools, homeowner's associations, and industry employees.
- Scheduled a workshop to facilitate relationships between industry and agency hazardous materials incident response teams.
- Invited regulatory agency representatives to speak about compliance issues relevant to Santa Barbara County industries.
- Contributed to the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation that trains rescue dog teams for victim recovery.

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATE?

For further information or to request a membership application, contact CAER at:

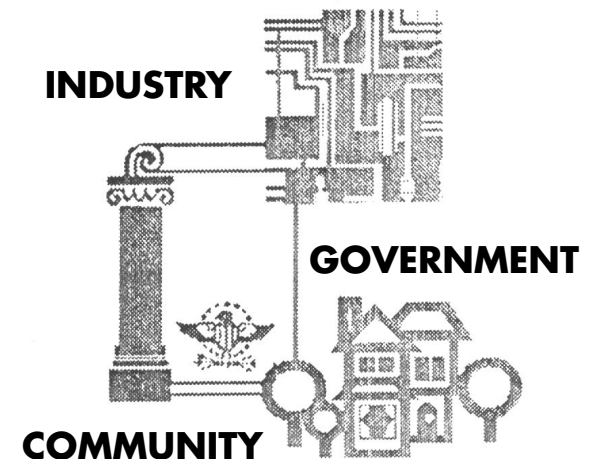
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