

Proposed ASAR Responder Certification Levels

*All certifications levels are proposed based on existing and/or potentially available courses and are recommended training levels.
Requirements are contingent for consideration of the AHJ and equivalents may be appropriate in some cases.*

ASAR Operations	ASAR Technician	ASAR Specialist
<i>Reference FEMA 509-1. The ASAR Operations will be an Animal Care and Handling Specialist plus the following skills.</i>		
ICS 100, 200; IS 700, 800 ³	ASAR Operations certification	ASAR Technician certification
IS 10, 11 ³	ICS 300	ICS 400
Animal Control, Capture and Behavior (NACA) (8 hr) ¹	Swiftwater Rescue (24 hr)	Experience as Team Leader/Command ⁴
Awareness Level HAZMAT course	High/Low Angle Rope Rescue (24 hr)	OSHA HAZWOPER (24 hr) ¹¹ or higher
Animal Handling Experience ²	Awareness Level of Large Animal Rescue (8 hr)	Operational Level Large Animal Rescue (24 hr)
Introduction to SAR ^{3,10}	Introduction to Assessment (4 hr) ⁵	Wilderness First Responder (WFR) ⁸
Animal Emergency Sheltering ⁶	Fundamentals of SAR (FUNSAR) (47 hr) ¹¹	Advanced SAR (ADSAR) (19 hr) ¹¹
Human First Aid and CPR	Wildfire Operations for the Animal First-Responder ⁵ or higher	
Pet First Aid ⁹	Compromised Structure Rescue ⁵	
Safe Boat Handling (USCG approved) ³	Wilderness First Aid (WFA) ⁷	
Slackwater (16 hr)	OSHA HAZWOPER (8 hr) ¹¹ or higher	
Wildland Fire Safety Awareness for the Animal First-Responder ⁵ or higher		
Animal Decontamination ⁵		

¹Or minimum of one year as ACO

²Minimum of 1 year in shelter/clinic setting

³Available on-line

⁴Task Book

⁵Course in development

⁶NARSC-endorsed

⁷Wilderness First Aid (NOLS WMLA – 16 hrs) or equivalent

⁸ Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or equivalent

⁹ARC or equivalent training

¹⁰SARTECH III or equivalent

¹¹Or equivalent

Credential process may be done at four different levels:

- a. CART recognized by County Emergency Management
- b. SART recognized by State Emergency Management
- c. State or Local Government Emergency Management Agency
- d. National Animal Rescue & Sheltering Coalition (NARSC)