

Certifications and Project Training

CPR / 1st Aid - Corpsmembers take the American Red Cross Adult CPR/ 1st Aid course. The course teaches them to recognize emergencies, decide how to take action, and apply lay responders level of care to ill or injured persons. Certification is nationally recognized and valid for 2 years.

Mental Health 1st Aid - Corpsmembers learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem. Corpsmembers receive an 8 hour training covering the initial response to people who are experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis, and substance abuse. Corpsmembers will receive a 3 year certification from the National Council for Behavioral Health.

The diversity of projects requires a diversity of training and certifications to ensure that Corpsmembers have the skills they need to compete each project safely and completely. These trainings and certifications are outlined below:

FEMA Incident Command System 100 (Introduction) - RMYC crews have supported disaster recovery efforts across the country in response to several natural disasters. All Disaster Recovery Crews receive this training as an introduction to the history, features and principles of disaster response, and the organizational structure of the Incident Command System.





FEMA National Incident Management System 700 (Introduction) - This training is also specific to Disaster Recovery Crews. This training provides an overview of the comprehensive approach to guiding the whole community after a disaster. Corpsmembers learn about the key concepts, principles, scope, and applicability underlying National Incident Management System in how to manage a disaster at the community level.

National Sawyer Certification Card (S212) - RMYC offers this certification to Forestry Crews who work with chainsaws and crosscut saws to remove forest fuels and reduce the risks of wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface. The course provides an introduction to the function, maintenance and use of internal combustion engine powered chain saws and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chainsaw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations.

Sustainable Trail Design and Construction - Corpsmembers learn the essential elements of sustainable trails and how to incorporate them into trail layout and construction. This training exposes Corpsmembers to the design and construction principles of trail planning, design and layout, corridor flagging, and pin flagging of a trail alignment in the field. Corpsmembers gain field experience constructing new trails, rerouting trails, and maintaining existing trails.

Leave No Trace - Corpsmembers learn Leave No Trace practices from Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and NOLS Wilderness Leadership curriculum. They learn about fire safety, wildlife ethics, and appropriate behaviors when working in wilderness settings. Corpsmembers will learn to be outdoor stewards for nature and wildlife.