**Proposed ASAR Responder Certification Levels**

**Note: All certifications levels are proposed based on existing and/or potentially available courses**

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| **ASAR Operations**Reference FEMA 509-1. The ASAR Operations will be an Animal Care and Handling Specialist plus the following skills. | **ASAR Technician** | **ASAR Specialist** |
| ICS 100, 200; IS 700, 8003 | ASAR Operations certification | ASAR Technician certification |
| IS 10, 113 | ICS 300 | ICS 400 |
| Animal Control, Capture and Behavior (NACA) (8 hr)1 | Swiftwater Rescue (24 hr) | Experience as Team Leader/Command4 |
| Awareness Level HAZMAT course  | High/Low Angle Rope Rescue (24 hr)  | OSHA HAZWOPER (24 hr.)11 or higher |
| Animal Handling Experience2 | 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 Sheltering6 | Fundamentals of SAR (FUNSAR) (47 hr.)11 | Advanced SAR (ADSAR) (19 hr.)11 |
| Human First Aid and CPR  | Wildfire Operations for the Animal First-Responder5 or higher |  |
| Pet First Aid9 | Compromised Structure Rescue5 |  |
| 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 Decontamination5 |  |  |

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 can be done at four different levels:

1. CART recognized by County Emergency Management
2. SART recognized by State Emergency Management
3. State or Local Government Emergency Management Agency
4. National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC)