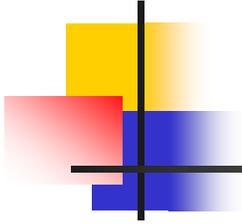




**VEST**



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First Formed in 1985

The Volunteer Emergency Services Team (VEST) consists of State Employees representing all CHHS State Departments

VEST members live and work throughout the state – San Diego to Del Norte



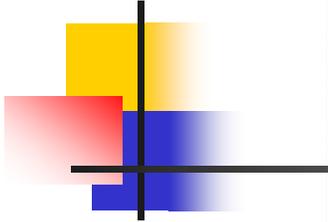
## VEST PROGRAM PRIORITY

Ensure appropriate training is completed

Members must coordinate training and/or deployment with their supervisors



During a disaster, one of the duties of the VEST member is to track and coordinate care and shelter services being provided by the American Red Cross, local, and State Government

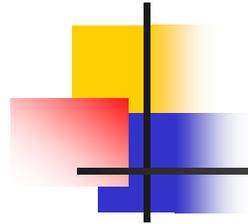


VEST members serve as representatives in Local Assistance Centers and Disaster Recovery Centers for the State Supplemental Grant Program

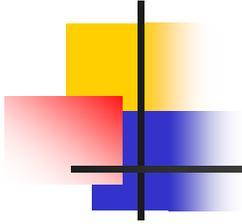


VEST members may assist with mass emergency repatriation operations for American citizens returning to the CONUS

VEST members may assist in the CDSS Department Operations Center



VEST members are assigned to other special assignments, as requested



VEST members are trained in emergency management, response and recovery

VEST members have deployed in support of major disasters throughout the United States

# CONCLUSION

Up to 200 members

Ongoing development of  
quality training opportunities  
for VEST members

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