



## **Care and Shelter Team (CAST)**

**Care and Shelter Team (CAST)** consists of UCSF employees who are trained and organized to help their fellow UCSF community members during a disaster. Specifically, the CAST is tasked with operating an emergency shelter. The Emergency Shelters provide disaster information, food and water, and a place for rest and safety for UCSF students, staff, faculty and affiliates who are displaced during a disaster.

### **How CASTs Are Used**

During a major disaster, when UCSF faculty, staff and students are unable to return home due to transportation system damage or closure, CAST volunteers will help organize and maintain on-campus emergency shelters to provide rest, security, food and basic services. A call from the UCSF Emergency Operations Center will activate the CAST. Once the American Red Cross or other local, state and federal disaster responders can set-up emergency shelters nearby or take over the operation of the UCSF shelters, the DST can stand down.

### **Training**

CAST volunteers are trained in emergency shelter operations. Volunteers can also take first aid, CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) courses.

UCPD Emergency Management also sponsors additional emergency preparedness training and exercise opportunities during the year.

**For more information or to volunteer**, please e-mail [emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu](mailto:emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu) or visit <http://police.ucsf.edu/index.php?/Preparing-for-Emergencies/volunteer-opportunities.html>