

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (2023)

Gary Hanfling – NBCUniversal CERT Advisory Committee

Gary took his first CERT Class at NBC in 2006 and has been an integral part of the NBCUniversal CERT program ever since. Gary currently serves on the prestigious CERT Advisory Committee, which helps grow the company's CERT program in effective ways that enrich the people it serves. In his own time, Gary has attended every company CERT class as a mentor, guiding new CERT students as they learn and grow as CERT volunteers.

Gary is a proven leader at the NBCUniversal annual disaster drills as well as with the CERT Competitions. Gary was part of several winning teams at the BICEPP Competitions in 2006 and 2008 as well as the subsequent Burbank Fire Corps competitions. Gary helped lead his teams to many statues.

Gary is also part of the LAFD CERT Call-Out team and has volunteered at many community meetings, drills, and on fire patrol.

Gary holds a Extra level amateur ham license exam; was very quickly accepted into the LAFD's Auxiliary Communications Service and is involved with several weekly ham nets and has gone above and beyond with ACS serving as a Communications Liaison in many functional operations, including Baker 2 Vegas and several desert long-distance marathons.

Finally, with his Emergency Medical Responder certification, Gary volunteered as a First Aid Station rover in several Rose Parades as well as provided communication services to MedCom during these parades.

For all of this, BICEPP is awarding Gary with our Award of Excellence.