



Los Angeles Fire Department
Auxiliary Communications Service



Welcome To ACS!

Congratulations on being accepted to ACS! Here's what to do next!

- Respond to your "Welcome to ACS" email with the requested information. Of great importance is your cell phone number and carrier so that we can add you to the City Critical Information Application for notifications should ACS be called-out.
- Join the Groups.io Group – our Groups.io group is our primary means of communication and provides a secure Files Section for our proprietary information, such as our Comm Plan. You'll need a Groups.io Login and Password.
 - Go to www.groups.io and login (or create a login if you don't currently have one).
 - Click on "Find or Create a Group" and enter LAFD-ACS in the Search Box. Click on the LAFD-ACS group.
 - Scroll down the resulting page and click "+Apply For Membership In This Group". (Add your membership number if a comments box is offered.)
 - You will be notified when you have been accepted to the Group.
- Program your radio(s) with the latest LAFD ACS and ACS-CERT Comm Plans. Both are available in the files section of the LAFD-ACS Groups.io Group. The ACS Comm Plan is confidential. Please don't share.
- Begin checking into the ACS Nets. They are Monday evenings at 7:30 and Thursday mid-day at 12:00 Noon. Both are on ACS-01.
- Download ACS Book 73 from the www.groups.io website. It contains detailed information about being an ACS Member and ACS Uniform specifications.
- Familiarize yourself with the ACS Website, particularly the downloads page. There is a lot of good information there. <http://www.lafdacs.org/download.htm>
- Familiarize yourself with your local LAFD Fire Stations, particularly your Battalion and Bureau headquarters.
- Start getting your uniform together. Contact your Battalion Communications Unit Leader about getting the ACS Unit patch and helmet decals. Currently, the ACS Unit Patches are \$3.00 each. Shirts and the LAFD blue background patches can be obtained at the following (They may also be able to sew on the patches):
 - For Valley Bureau Members, Uniform Warehouse
Uniform & Accessories Warehouse
20701 Nordhoff Street (East of DeSoto)
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 341-1500
 - For West, Central, and South Bureau Members, Galls has several stores.
- If you follow Facebook, join the LAFD ACS Facebook page. Click the join button and provide your ACS Member number. You will be notified when you are accepted.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/340564762800328/>
- Complete the following courses within 12 months of joining ACS: (*Per Book 73*)
 - IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 online from FEMA
 - Go to - <https://training.fema.gov> – and enter the course numbers in the search window at the top.
 - ACS-101. This Course is offered several times each year. It covers critical ACS basics, including message handling skills. It is mandatory for all ACS Members. Watch the ACS Calendar for details. <https://lafd-acs.groups.io/g/main/calendar>
- You can link your personal calendar to the ACS calendar so that ACS events automatically appear in your calendar if you use a Google compatible calendar. Just click on Subscribe on the Groups.io Calendar page.
- Participate in as much training and as many ACS Events as possible. There's nothing like experience!
- Download and familiarize yourself with ACS documents such as the ICS-214, F27a, and Infrastructure Report.

Again, Welcome to ACS and thank you for your willingness to assist the people of the City of Los Angeles.