

SUMMARY: CERT Auxiliary Meeting—September 23, 2015

Item	Presenter(s)	Action	Notes
Welcome/ Introductions	Greig		<p>Greig Rose, Facilitator, ALSFD Action Group; CERT Auxiliary, President Liz Taylor-Selling, San Lorenzo Valley Emergency Network (SLVEN); CERT Auxiliary, Board Member Hank Moeller, Team Bonny Doon CERT Mary Edmund, Team Seacliff CERT; CERT Auxiliary, Treasurer, ED LizAnne Jensen, Team Bonny Doon CERT; CERT Auxiliary, Board Member Ken Jensen, Team Bonny Doon CERT Ken Braly, Team Aptos Knoll MHP CERT; CERT Auxiliary, Webmaster Larry Azzaro, Prospective Team Boulder Creek CERT Ed Olson, Team Bonny Doon CERT Mike Conrad, Chief, Operations Aptos/LaSelva Fire District; CERT Advisor Absent -- Kathi Larkin, Team Loma Prieta CERT JoAnn McDonnell, Team LaSelva Beach; CERT Auxiliary, Secretary Johnny Walker, Watsonville Ed Banks, Watsonville CERT David Zooker, Aptos Rosemary Anderson, Interim Director Emergency Services, UCSC John Lippman, Santa Cruz, CERT Auxiliary, Board Member</p> <p>CERT Auxiliary of Santa Cruz County is the official name of this organization or simply CERT Auxiliary.</p>
Actions group members said they would like our group to do	All	Accept (or modify) NO CHANGE	<p>Group Objectives: Develop CERT Instructor list. Secure a Instructor course in Santa Cruz--done Act as a County-wide CERT information network with database/website--done Obtain resources for CERT training materials and supplies Develop contacts with neighborhood groups to foster CERT support/training Improve communication with County first responders agencies and OES for better preparation of disaster support and response</p>

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			<p>Develop Teen and Spanish CERT Programs</p> <p>Develop a small animal assistance CERT training component for families</p> <p>Provide training modules and exercises on website supporting squad and Team skill enhancement</p> <p>Increase public awareness and knowledge of CERT capabilities and programs</p> <p>Organize into standing committees for better efficiency and focus</p>
Database Report	LizAnne	Information	<p>Temporary Google Doc spreadsheet on-line. This list will serve until the Master CERT Database is completed. Using Mail Chimp to prevent emails going to spam because of over 134 addressees. Discussion: if there is a need for a formal database as originally planned or continue with current spreadsheet. Need to add “fluency in other languages” column to database to identify Spanish speakers to offer classes to a wider cross section of the community. ACTION--Meeting planned for October 3rd at 10am to discuss communication flow, data entry, updates, and mail servers making sure every request is handled expeditiously. If interested in attending contact medmund4@gmail.com</p>
Dangers in Paradise (DIP) review	Liz All	Information	<p>24 volunteers and 22 participants—attendance was down from previous years Historical review 1st year-75, 2nd-40, and 3rd-33. May be reflection of minimal CERT Basic Training or competition with other weekend events. Discussion concerned considering and alternative date in October (anniversary of Loma Prieta earthquake), having the refresher somewhere apart from Home Depot, just having an informational booth and no refresher, and having a refresher course in AM and a CERT competition in the PM.</p> <p>ACTION—Liz will chair DIP subcommittee in January to make recommendations for DIP in 2016.</p>
CERT Train the Trainer (TtheT) Course	Mike LizAnne, Mary Joann		<p>Santa Cruz County awarded scholarship TtheT course saving \$7000 in instructor costs. TENTATIVE dates are over weekend March 18-20, 2016. Waiting on State for instructor availability at this time. Possibility of FEMA or State sponsored trainers (more available). If taught by FEMA instructors</p>

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			<p>CERT instructor credential recognized across US, if State sponsored recognized only in CA. State told more concerned with getting course in the March timeframe rather than the credential. Looking for a centrally located venue with 35 seats and 2 breakout rooms. ACTION---Mike will follow-up with Sandy Lydon to get contact at Cabrillo College, provide info to Mary for follow-up</p> <p>Still compiling a list of attendees (goal is 35/currently have 21) E-mail names to: medmund4@gmail.com of any CERT members interested.</p>
Website Update	Ken	Working	<p>Need all members to visit website and make comments/suggestions. Expanding site with local Team info, currently 3 Teams posted—provide input on your teams to ken@kenb.com There was a round general appreciation for all that Ken has done to update the site, keep it running, and adding user interface. ACTION—Ken looking at ways to put CERT equipment on website to track and prevent double booking.</p>
New CERT Teams starting or reorganizing	Rosemary	Working	<p>UCSC working with Jim Fawley, Chief, Santa Cruz Fire District to restore UCSC and Santa Cruz CERT Teams.</p> <p>Boulder Creek interested in organizing a CERT Team. ACTION--Mike to contact Chief McClish in Boulder Creek.</p>
Committees to support Auxiliary work	All	Volunteer	<p>Governance/administration, communication, fundraising, marketing/outreach, education/training, other? Idea is to work issues in committees with decisions made by group after committee reports. Be ready to choose your committee for participation. ACTION—Mary to chair CERT Credentialing Committee with Liz and Hank to look at recertification requirements and additional levels CERT training.</p>
Preparation for possible El Niño	Mike	Information	<p>Planning at the County leadership level for possible El Niño this winter. Particular areas of concern are coastal erosion, flooded creeks, downed trees blocking access, and downed power lines. How may CERT Teams help—possible sandbagging, help with evacuation notification, assistance with traffic control, etc. Looking at offering classes on Traffic Control (1/2 day), and Electrical and Gas Safety in conjunction with PG&E (1/2 day). A tentative</p>

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			date of Saturday, Nov 7 th or 14 th for classes. ACTION—Mike to coordinate with PG&E, Greig to assist with the CERT Traffic Control training module.
Basic CERT Course	Greig	Information	Class starts October 13 th . Filled with 22 participants with waiting list of 15. Next class February 2 nd through March 8 th from 6:30-10 at Aptos/LaSelva Firehouse. Possibility of class in Live Oak (Central Fire) in the Spring ACTION—Mary to contact Mike Demars about planning the class after the T the T Instructor course so new instructors may help with teaching class. Request for assistance at the Waldorf School CERT class. ACTION—Larry volunteered to help in the afternoon on Thursday, October 22nd.
Important Dates		Information	October 13th (6:30 p.m.) start of CERT Basic Course at Aptos Firehouse October 31st SLVEN hosting Formidable Footprints Exercise--Floods contact Liz at madwoman@cruzio.com for information
Adjourn	Greig		Next Meeting: October 7, 2015, 8:30 at Aptos Fire Station