

CERT Auxiliary Working Group Meeting Summary – May 8, 2019

Item	Lead	Action	Notes
Welcome	Mary		<p>Present: Jim Nelsen, Team Scotts Valley Mary Edmund, Team Leader, Seacliff; Auxiliary Treasurer, Executive Director Joyce Smith, Team Santa Cruz Sharon Spence, Team Leader, Watsonville Hank Moeller, Team Leader, Bonny Doon Inani Eggleston, Team Leader, Live Oak Liz Taylor-Selling, Team Leader, Felton; Auxiliary, Board Member Jamshid Kiani, American Red Cross Bill Monroe, Team Boulder Creek Ed Olson, Team Bonny Doon Paul Horvat, Emergency Services Manager, City of Santa Cruz Dawn Mackey, Auxiliary Registrar, Team Bonny Doon</p> <p>Absent: Catherine Green, Team Leader, Santa Cruz Greig Rose, Aptos, Team Seacliff, George Wright, Team Leader, Aptos Knoll Kayotae Blackwolf, North Branch Program Manager, Team Boulder Creek Ken Braly, Auxiliary Webmaster, Board Member LizAnne Jensen, Team Bonny Doon; Auxiliary, Board Member Becky Steinbrunner, Team Redwood/Cathedral Aaron Lowe, Chief, Aptos Fire Protection District Diane Hayden, Team Seacliff Lisa Ehret, Emergency Services Manager UCSC Ken Jensen, Team Bonny Doon Kevin Foster, Team Leader, Boulder Creek Rosemary Anderson, Emergency Services Manager, Santa Cruz County</p>

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Training	Mary	Info	<p><i>The Basic Training</i> course in Watsonville is finishing this week. Anticipate 15-20 graduates. The Felton Course is being moved to Sep/Oct with a Live Oak Course in October.</p> <p><i>Family Preparedness Classes:</i> Classes may be requested by groups and individuals through emailing certauxiliary@gmail.com Class is one evening for 1½ hours.</p> <p><i>Continuing Education classes</i> are progressing well (See important dates below). Classes will be cancelled if there are less than 15 students. There are usually 3-5 no shows so the minimum of 15 makes the class around 10 students when there is room for 20. Notification of cancellation is made 2 weeks before the date of the class. All CERTs signed-up are notified about cancellation. Check websites for updates. <i>Currently both Complex Splinting classes are below that limit.</i></p>
Curriculum Update		No change	<p>Anticipate the FEMA Updates for the CERT Basic Training will be presented at the CERT Conference at the end of the month. When the new materials are released the information may be downloaded and taught using the new materials with the old manuals until the new manuals are printed and available. The new curriculum keeps most of the existing material but will have updates based on new standards and best practices.</p>
Instructors	Instrs	Update	<p>CERT Instructor Meeting is planned for July 20 or 27.</p>
Red Cross MOU	All	Update	<p>A MOU was drafted with American Red Cross to have CERTs be eligible for Red Cross Training without becoming a Red Cross member. Red Cross will also provide a listing of those trained on a quarterly basis. <i>Initial class availability will be offered to CERTs in leadership positions</i> with an expectation of taking at least one class per month An email will announce start of the sign-ups with a listing of Red Cross classes applicable to CERTs. This will allow testing of the process before opening classes to all CERTs.</p>

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<p>Operating Procedures and Activation Policy</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>The County’s CERT Operating Procedures and Activation Policy apply to all CERT Fire Branches within the County. CERT Fire Branch Managers have authority for their Branches perhaps making policy and procedures different in their individual Branches. Addendums need to be written and submitted to OES outlining the differences or additional requirements.</p> <p>There was diverse discussion regarding Team members who will serve their neighbors before activation in a disaster. Thus, limiting resources for Teams counting on individuals who are on the Team but will be unavailable.</p> <p>Discussion also cited the prohibition of trained medical personnel of performing within their higher level of scope of practice then those of CERT members.</p> <p>Many CERTs get DSW Badges yet never show up at Team meetings. Suggestion to give new member’s badges to Team Leaders for distribution when the new members shows up at the Team meeting. This needs further discussion for policy decisions before it may be implemented, possibly with the Fall Basic classes.</p>
<p>Team Leaders</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>New</p>	<p>ACTION: Team Leaders, who have not done so, email their meeting schedule and/or contact to ken@kenb.com so Team information may be posted the on the website for new CERT graduates.</p> <p><i>There are Teams that still need to forward verified contact information.</i> This was stressed again at the WG meeting. Corrected Team member information help determine accurate listing for Auxiliary and EOC databases.</p> <p>ACTION: Team Leaders, who have not done so send updated Team rosters to Dawn Mackey at email dawnmackey411@gmail.com so information in database may be verified and an active CERT member list further developed.</p>

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Communications	All	No change	The film “Wild than Wilder concerning wildland fire and the quest to find solutions is available for showing at Team Meetings. Contact Joyce Smith at email scstroller@gmail.com for link.
		New	<p>Seeking information on the cost of radio (GMRS/Ham) FCC licensing as a group and how long it is valid. Anyone with information please contact: certauxiliary@gmail.com</p> <p>Zello is an application for use with an iPhone that provides listing of registered ham radio frequencies.</p> <p>A Ham Radio class is beginning on May 29th -- see below (<i>Important Dates</i>) for class information and sign-up .</p>
Strategic Plan	All	New	The Strategic Plan process will begin again at the June meeting. Please review the current plan (attached) with recommendations for updates and changes.
WG Meeting	All	Action	A review of why WG meetings are on a weekday morning (makes attendance by employed CERTs very difficult) and if a more central location is necessary. A doodle poll will be sent to Working Group members regarding the time and place for meetings in the future. <i>ACTION: all WG members respond to poll with best time and place before May 31st.</i> We are at 50% return with the predominate votes for the EOC on Saturday morning or Thursday evening. Will check about availability of EOC.
New Committees	All	Working	Formed new committees in the following areas and a request for volunteers for the committees will be made in the next newsletter. The following volunteered: Communication---Jim Nelsen, John Detke, Dawn Mackey Equipment—Bill Monroe, Liz Taylor-Selling

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			<p>Promotion—Sharon Spence, Inkind--0 Still need more members for the groups. No need to be in the Working Group. If you have good candidates please forward their names, contact information and interest to: certauxiliary@gmail.com</p>
<i>Important Dates</i>	All	New	<p><i>May 20th and the third Monday each month (6:15-7:45)</i> Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Workshop at Boulder Creek Recreation Center, 15685 Forest Hill Dr., Boulder Creek. All are welcome to attend. Contact juliewuest@comcast.net for additional information.</p> <p><i>May 29th and 5 succeeding Wednesdays (7-9pm)</i> Ham Radio Technician class, Scotts Valley Library, 251 Kings Valley Rd, Scotts Valley. Register at https://santacruzpl.libcal.com/event/5300143</p> <p><i>Online Course -- Standardized Emergency Management System G606(SEMS)</i> Content includes mutual aid, multi-agency coordination, the operational area concept, and how the five levels of government communicate, interact, and share resources. Available for free. Email certauxiliary@gmail.com for information on how to register.</p> <p><i>May 22nd (6:30-9pm)</i> Map you Neighborhood Workshop (MYN) Aptos Firehouse, 6934Soquel Dr., Aptos Sign-up on website</p> <p><i>May 27-June 1</i> CERT Conference in San Diego. Contact certauxiliary@gmail.com for additional information. Half price registration is available.</p> <p><i>June 25th (7-9PM)</i> Complex Splinting continuing education class, Aptos Firehouse, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos. Sign-up on website.</p> <p><i>June 26th (7-9PM)</i> Complex Splinting continuing education class, Ben Lomond Firehouse, 9430 CA-9, Ben Lomond. Sign-up on website</p>

Next Meeting: Second Wednesday – June 12th
 8:30-10am, Aptos Fire House, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos

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