

CERT Auxiliary Working Group Meeting Summary – July 10, 2019

Welcome	Mary		<p>Present: Joyce Smith, Team Santa Cruz David Sonnenberg, Team Live Oak Liz Taylor-Selling, Team Leader, Felton; Auxiliary, Board Member Bill Monroe, Team Boulder Creek Ken Braly, Team Aptos – Aptos Knoll, Auxiliary Webmaster, Board Member Mary Edmund, Team Aptos -- Seacliff; Auxiliary Treasurer, Executive Director Dawn Mackey, Auxiliary Registrar, Team Bonny Doon John Handley, Team Aptos, Liaison Medical Reserve Corps, Health Care Coalition Jamshid Kiani, American Red Cross Hank Moeller, Team Leader, Bonny Doon Ed Olson, Team Bonny Doon Paul Horvat, Emergency Services Manager, City of Santa Roberta Roberts, Team Santa Cruz</p> <p>Absent: LizAnne Jensen, Team Bonny Doon; Auxiliary, Board Member Sharon Spence, Team Leader, Watsonville Catherine Green, Team Leader, Santa Cruz Greig Rose, Team Aptos -- Seacliff, George Wright, Team Aptos -- Aptos Knoll Monna Lang, Team Aptos – La Selva Beach Kayotae Blackwolf, North Branch Program Manager, Team Boulder Creek Inani Eggleston, Team Leader, Live Oak Jim Nelsen, Team Scotts Valley Becky Steinbrunner, Team Aptos -- Redwood/Cathedral Aaron Lowe, Chief, Aptos Fire Protection District Diane Hayden, Team Aptos -- 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> Time for summer break. Classes resume in the Fall with a Live Oak Course from October 1st to October 26th and a Felton Course from October 16th to November 9th.</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). Check websites for updates.</p>
Curriculum Update	All	Update	<p>FEMA Updates for the CERT Basic Training will be available at the end of this year. 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 materials but will have updates based on new standards and best practices.</p>
Instructors		New	<p>CERT Instructor Meeting is planned for Saturday, July 20th at Central Fire, 620 17th Ave, Live Oak from 9-2pm.</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. <i>Initial class availability is now offered to WG members.</i> <i>ACTION:</i> <i>If interested send email to:</i> dianaahayden@gmail.com . She will provide a student ID to access the Red Cross Programs. This will allow a testing of the process before opening classes to all CERTs.</p> <p>Possible classes for CERTs are: <i>Basic Shelter Worker</i>, and online classes: <i>Disaster Cycle Services: An Overview, Shelter Fundamentals and Basic Food Safety; Psychological First Aid: Helping Others in Times of Stress; Everyone Is Welcome; Feeding Activity Introduction, Concept of Operations Basics.</i> Group expressed concern over the requirement to take at least one class a month.</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. These issues will be voiced at the next CERT Council Meeting.</p>
<p>Team Leaders DSW Badges</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>Many CERTs get DSW Badges yet never show up at Team meetings. A suggestion to give new member’s badges to Team Leaders for distribution when the new members show up at the Team meetings. A policy of providing new DSW badges at the WG meeting to Team Leaders for distribution at Team meetings was approved starting with the October CERT Basic classes. If the member fails to pick-up the badge within six months it will be return to the CERT Auxiliary at a WG Meeting for later return to OES as an inactive participant.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>No change</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</p>

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			Mackey at email dawnmackey411@gmail.com so information in database may be verified and an active CERT member list further developed.
Strategic Plan	All	New	The Strategic Plan was reviewed and the group had a free-flowing discussion of the areas needed for update. Ideas floated were: decreasing the number of classes but increasing the number of students, exploring an on-line CERT training, mentoring of CERT instructors, and Team members adding Listos (Spanish CERT), structuring levels of participation and displaying this graphically by family and neighborhood, Team, and County deployable (inside Santa Cruz County), ideas needed to keep CERTs actively engaged with Teams, sponsored CERT courses to supplement Auxiliary's budget, and County-wide call outs.
WG Meeting	All	New	<p><i>TIME AND PLACE OF WG MEETING IS CHANGED</i> starting the second Saturday of each month and being held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The first meeting will be next month, August 10th from 9 -10:30 AM at the EOC, 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz.</p> <p>This is a restricted area and access is monitored. Please remember to drive in through the Chanticleer entrance and park on that side of the building – proceed to the entrance on the Chanticleer side of the building. There will be someone monitoring the entrance from approximately 8:50-9am – please make every effort to be on time – if you are unavoidably late – call the number posited on the door.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to make the meeting available by conference call to people who are unable to attend. This will be explored after the first meeting.</p>

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New Committees	All	Working	<p>Formed 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 Promotion—Sharon Spence, Inkind--0 Still need more members for the groups. No need to be in the WG. Forward names and contact information and interest to: certauxiliary@gmail.com</p>
Important Dates	All	New	<p>July 15 and the third Monday of each month (6:15-7:45) 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>Saturday, July 13th (10-noon) Caring for your Pet in a Disaster, Felton Firehouse, 131 Kirby St, Felton. Sign-up on website.</p> <p>Sunday, July 14th (10-noon) Caring for your Pet in a Disaster, Aptos,/La Selva Firehouse, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos. Sign-up on website.</p> <p>Saturday, July 20^h (9-2pm) CERT Instructor Meeting, Central Fire PD, 930 17th Ave, Live Oak. Lunch provided.</p> <p>Aug-3-4th Watsonville Strawberry Festival, sign up for tabling on Google sheets or email: watsonvilleareacert@gmail.com</p>
<p><i>Next Meeting: Second Saturday – Aug 10th from 9-10:30</i> <i>Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz</i></p>			

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