

CERT Auxiliary Working Group  
*Notes (Thanks to Joyce Smith)*  
Saturday, July, 11, 2020, ZOOM

**Announcements**

- Introductions – Attendees: Chris, Jong, Bill Fidler, Joyce Smith, Liz Taylor-Selling, Dan, Selling, Susan Marx, Dawn Mackey, Jerry Parsons, Ken Braly, John Hanley, Ed Spurr, Catherine L. Green, Bill Monroe, Jim Nelson, David Dean, and Mary Edmund
- New National CERT Association. (nationalCERT.org.) SuVaa Tai's, CA OES, letter will be forwarded to WG members.
- Train the Trainer Course being offered in Clovis with COVID precautions.
- Dawn Mackey: Radio group needs list of committee team leads to do an exercise in Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve. Dan Selling will act as radio coordinator date TBD.
- Liz Taylor-Selling: CERT radio operators keep meeting. Organizing. Need practice to become proficient.
- Red Cross released a training on Sheltering in the Covid-19 environment. Information on registration for the training will be forwarded to WG members.
- Auxiliary has programmed MURS radios for sale -- \$50 each.

**Check-in**

- COVID updates
  - 7 months since discovered
  - Here 4 months SIP
  - 40 – 45% of infected people have symptoms
  - Asymptomatic people pass on virus
  - Aerosol spread in inside spaces troublesome
  - Overall mortality rate 1%
  - Antivirals help people recover quicker
  - Modifiers – help suppress the virus
  - 3 companies working on vaccine
  - 2-14 days to infection, 4-5 days for symptoms
  - Remember – wear mask, social distance, family pods
  - New process if severely ill -- ECMO – takes blood out, oxygenates it and returns it to body. Less invasive than intubation.
  - Santa Cruz County expecting a surge the first week in August, “We are in for a wild ride”, Dr. Gail Newel, Health Office, County Public Health.
- Discussion regarding aerosol

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5FikHKCjcEVEADHFkzUCe1?si=iwIPa73yRmyS3YJ79TPI3g>

- Committee Conversion of CERT Auxiliary Organization to an ICS structure – Has started meeting. Goal is to have a draft plan for the Working Group September meeting.

### **Recertification Review**

- Must request recertification by emailing: [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com) with contact information. Process involves review of required Continuing Education (CE), DSW paperwork, photo and obtaining new retroreflective vest. and Israeli bandage if not in backpack when originally certified.
- Need to have completed IS100, and 20 hours CE for 2020 (25 hours CE for 2021 and thereafter). If there is no date on badge it expires this year.
- With COVID-19 precautions, process is completed outside with masks and social distancing
- **Activation requires current badge** on their person and safety check before assigned tasks.

### **CERT Training**

- Hands-on classes. – First hands-on training with coronavirus precautions will be the Crowd & Traffic Management. Course on July 24/25. Special email to all attendees outlining procedures. Bill Monroe, and Ed Spurr will assist with registration and setup and clean-up.
- Continuing Education Classes planned
  - MYN Workshop –Julie Weist
  - Equine Evacuation -- Kenneth Cole
  - Fire Safe Council – Liz Jensen
  - Intermediate MURs -- Dan Selling & Bob Fike
  - Search and Rescue – Sgt. Jordan Brownlee, SAR
  - Basic MURS radio – Dawn Mackey
  - CERT Auxiliary – Mary Edmund
  - Waiting on SPCA for Pet Care during a Disaster
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- Good attendance at Zoom Classes.
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- Recordings of classes posted on [santacruzcountyCERT.org](http://santacruzcountyCERT.org) “Training“ page. For review, no CE credit.
- New Ideas for Classes
  - Planning evacuation routes
  - Preparing Go bags, Car bags, House bags, etc.

- Fire Watch -- Jim Nelson is emailing WG ideas about performing fire watch during periods of high fire risk for safety and radio practice. Comments included that a fire watch program not officially set up, but many people/organizations are watching. Discussion at August 8<sup>th</sup> WG meeting.

### **Strategic Plan**

- Strategic Plan will be reviewed at August 8<sup>th</sup> WG meeting
  - add section on COVID -19
  - add Communications Plan (Liz Taylor Selling will provide)
  - Financial update – Grants funders now focused on Covid-19, and primary needs, as food, shelter, medical support, etc.; little funding for secondary needs as Disaster Training. Unsuccessful in last 2 grants.
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- ARES requesting CERTS to be actors in a PSPS drill on July 26<sup>th</sup> ,1-5 PM .Team Leaders will receive email requesting participation.

### **Team Leader Meeting/Reports**

- Boulder Creek – Zoom about communication during PSPS. ARES/CERTS can help connect people to Netcom (911). PG&E trying to always keep power to fire, hospitals, etc. EOC working with ARES on connecting people.
- Scotts Valley/Felton have recently done MURS exercises.
- Las Cumbres has divided the area into clusters of 12 – 13 families. Folks know where neighbors with medical training live. Many have MURS radio.
- Santa Cruz still not meeting. A few team members working individually on projects
- Capitola – 3 members activated for memorials. Will need to practice more with MURS.
- Boony Doon – Took a month off. Want to focus on communication and MYN.
- Live Oak – July presenter cancelled unexpectedly. No meeting.
- La Selva Beach– MURS group purchase. Communication array with walkie talkies to FRS to MURS to Ham. Expanding interest in Community/CERT meetings. Looking at sheltering during COVID.
- Dr. John Handley– County is beginning to reassess alternate care sites again

Next Meeting – **SATURDAY, Aug 8, 10-noon, ZOOM**

