

## CERT Auxiliary Working Group

### Agenda

Saturday, August 8, 2020, ZOOM

#### **Introductions**

*Liz Taylor-Selling - Felton, Dan Selling – Felton (ARES), Ed Spurr - Capitola, Bill Fidler - Felton, Gary Niblock - Aptos (Day Valley), Bill Monroe - Boulder Creek, John Hanley – Aptos (MRC), Joyce Smith – Santa Cruz, Catherine L. Green - Santa Cruz, David Dean – Live Oak, Doreen O’Donovan – Aptos, Susan Marx - La Selva Beach, Jamshid Kiani – Felton (Red Cross), Ken Braly - Aptos, David Sonnenberg – Live Oak, Mary Edmund – Aptos*

#### **Announcements**

PG & E is offering webinars to learn about wildfire safety efforts they are making this year to prevent wildfires and keep customers and communities safe.

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-7pm, call 1-866-501-6088 ID 3624868

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-7pm, call 1-866-501-6088 ID 3567527

Check out the online training classes:

Bay Area Training and Exercise Program at: [batep.org](http://batep.org)

California Specialized Training Institute create an account and register at: [csti-ca.csod.com/](http://csti-ca.csod.com/)

Practice using your MURS radios at the “**MURS Woods Socially Distanced Radio Training**” Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-noon.

This exercise will take place at the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve on Martin Road. The scenario is an injured hiker at an unknown location within the reserve. People may hike a short distance, ½ mile, 1 mile, or participate from their cars. All COVID safety precautions will be followed. Come to an ecological reserve and be given a search and rescue assignment. If interested, contact Dawn Mackey at [dawnmackey411@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmackey411@gmail.com). Deadline for sign-up is August 15th.

## **CERT Training**

CERT Crowd and Traffic Management Class offered by the Safety Center and the CERT Auxiliary was successful and certified 27 CERTs. Another class will be offered on November 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> (both days am only)

Continuing Education Classes on zoom having good attendance. All future classes are from 7-8:30 pm:

- Fire Safe Council, ***Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>***
- Equine Evacuation, ***Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>***
- Beginning MUR Radio, ***Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>***
- Utility Safety and Handling Emergencies, ***Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>***
- Map Your Neighborhood Workshop, ***Wednesday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>***
- Activation, ***Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>***

## **Communication Committee vs CERT Radio Group**

The Communication Committee is a part of the CERT Auxiliary Working Group dealing with communication issues, such as, policies, standards and making recommendations for Santa Cruz County CERTs.

CERT Radio Operators is an operational group forming a radio network throughout the County. **ACTION:** Liz Taylor-Selling is developing structure, protocols, objectives and liaison with ARES. Each Team should have a representative to the Group

## Strategic Plan

Ideas for changes include:

Building and maintaining teams aligning with Fire Services

Team leaders and mentors. No real job description, team leader manual has some recommended responsibilities, but it should be detailed into a more specific list of responsibilities. Much discussion about whether there should be continuous modification, or modified periodically. **ACTION:** Catherine L. Green and Liz Taylor-Selling are working on a draft outlining TL responsibilities, and creating a job description.

Meetings at EOC or central location rather than alternating between North and South County.

Team leader page-with resources for leaders, i.e., forms, links, etc. Additional resource created by John Collins would be one thing that could be added to the team leader page.

Class managers will no longer be north and south county, but will be by geographic area.

LISTOS participation and communication not clear; interaction with CERT not emphasized. LISTOS will be moved to liaison category.

Concerns about how different fire districts are discouraging CERTs from performing specific training and questioning CERTs ability to use some skills in a disaster. Subject for CERT Council discussion.

CERT FEMA requirement. IS 100 is the only required class for certification as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW) other classes strongly recommended -- IS 200, IS 700, and IS 800.

Modify MERIT section to include full implementation date, September 30, 2021 as a goal. We are now in Beta testing, with a post implementation review, June 2021.

Add Law Enforcement Services (LES), LISTOS, Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), public health and other organizations (as needed) to liaison list.

Add younger volunteers to SWOT

Revisions will be made to Strategic Plan and presented for vote at next WG meeting.

### ***Search & Rescue***

Sergeant Jordan Brownlee, Sheriff's Department, presented a County Search & Rescue (SAR) presentation to CERTs last week. There was a frank discussion about how CERT may possibly assist SAR. The idea needs further exploration. **ACTION:** Send ideas about possible CERT roles, suggestions and comments to: [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com)

### ***FirstNET***

FirstNet-Verizon and ATT have offered first responder discounts. As volunteers through the Disaster Service Worker Program CERTs are eligible as California volunteers under the Office of Emergency Services. <https://www.att.com/poeportal/selfassessment/firstresponders> link for AT&T

<https://enterprise.verizon.com/solutions/public-sector/public-safety/programs/first-responder-benefits/> link for Verizon

OES has stated there has been no delivery of the program in Santa Cruz County.

### ***Future FEMA Actions***

FEMA is developing passbooks for use with CERT. They will have functions and requirements by position, i.e. CERT volunteer, Logistics Chief, etc. and FEMA plans their release early next year.

FEMA is also developing a interface for CERT with California NextDoor, the neighborhood social network.

## **Additions**

ARES is planning an exercise on **Sunday, August 30th** and requests 20 CERT volunteers to act as general public for scenarios. Those interested please contact: [lizatslven@gmail.com](mailto:lizatslven@gmail.com).

## **Team Leader Reports**

--*Bill Monroe*, TL Boulder Creek - Gave team 3 scenarios to work on in last zoom meeting concerning various fire situations. Only 4 responses from Team.

--*Doreen O'Donovan* - Has not had a meeting.

--*Liz Taylor-Selling*, TL Felton Area - Is still meeting regularly. Working on determining if members are active and who should be moved to inactive status.

--*ED Spurr*, TL Capitola - Working on next team meeting.

--*David Dean/David Sonnenberg*, TLs Live Oak/Soquel - Participation has dropped off due to summer and COVID 19. Next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> on Urban Survival. Email will be sent Team Leaders with invitation to attend training.

--*Catherine L. Green*, TL City of Santa Cruz - There is lots of interest from people who have not participated for a long time.

--*Susan Marx*, Neighborhood Leader La Selva Beach - Last meeting presented evacuation routes, go bags, etc. Next meeting Marco Mack, Aptos Fire, will present on Urban/Wildland interface. Has lost a few members due to health issues, but currently building up membership – 20.

--*John Hanley*, MRC liaison – Information on contact tracing and rapid response testing.

--*Jamshid Kiani*, Red Cross Liaison - All protocols for large congregate shelters in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties have changed. A training video for congregate shelter volunteers with COVID-19 safety precautions has been produced. An e-mail was forwarded with the video link was sent to members attending WG and other Team Leaders.

Thanks to David Sonnenberg for taking and transcribing these minutes.

Next Meeting – SATURDAY, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10-noon, ZOOM