

CERT Auxiliary Working Group
Meeting Summary
Saturday, December 12, 2020, 10-noon
ZOOM

Attendees: John Hanley, Joyce Smith, David Sonnenberg, Bob Selling, Catherine L. Green, Sharon Spence, David Dean, Liz Taylor Selling, Ed Spurr, Dawn Mackey, Ken Braly, Chris Jong, Bill Fidler, Bill Monroe, Doreen O'Donovan, Susan Marx, Jamshid Kiani. and Mary Edmund.

Announcements

CERT Program Manager (December 17-18) and Instructor Train the Trainer (December 19-21) are now available in the zoom format. You must attend all days of each course and have a camera on your computer. Contact Chad Fitzgerald to sign-up or get additional information at chad@cityofclovis, 559-324-2218.

Activations

Debris Flow CERT Auxiliary activated 37 people providing 475 hours of support assistance by notifying residents at risk of a debris flow with information on the topic, discussion on reverse 911 and Code Red, as well as, taking a survey. This was very valuable for County by identifying people at risk with no support systems and providing information of the number of people who might be involved in any evacuation.

Temporary Evacuation Points (TEP) The County has identified 5 temporary locations acting as sites for evacuated people to wait for up to 24 hours to see if the debris flow actually happens. People would stay in their cars 4 to 8 hours with access to food, water, medical personnel, phone charging, etc. If there is a flow the residents will then move on to evacuation sites or their preplanned evacuation locations, or if no flow returning to their homes. OES has asked CERT for assistance with traffic and people management, and COVID screening. Locations are confidential at this time.

Activation Policy

The CERT Council is working on an update to the CERT activation policy. This will assist the CERT Auxiliary and County in working together in parallel with the same understanding and expectations. Those interested in reviewing please email certainauxiliary@gmail.com for a copy. It was suggested that policy include a way to quickly inform CERTs countywide. Recommends three levels of alert: 1) **Plan** for an activation that might happen and identifying CERTs who may be interested (2) **Standby**; Get ready to deploy for within the next 24-48 hours. 3) **Activation**.

Logistics

Activation Packs: Good idea to have activation packs with common items that would be necessary to have immediately for an activation, i.e. pen, pad, table, folding chair, sign making ability, proper forms necessary, white board, etc. This will later evolve to have specialized packs for different types of events. CERT is a support entity, should “travel light” as other agencies will have more equipment. Fitting it all in a rolling back pack. Liz Taylor-Selling, Bill Monroe (lead), Ed Spurr, and Doreen O’Donovan volunteered for the committee to recommend items for the packs and report back to the Working Group next month.

Equipment Grant: Listos spearheaded a Social Bridging Project where “Bridgers”, those CERTs who have signed up for program, engaged in social media, webinars, websites links and writing newsletters focusing on disaster preparedness training. The payoff was being able to order equipment from a prescribed equipment list offered by the Fire Safety Training Institute. Marie Brayman, City of Santa Cruz CERT, distinguished herself by achieving a remarkable 517 hours (additionally, Carol Saffen, City of Santa Cruz CERT did 16 hours) which translated into \$10,340 worth of equipment. Marie was also one of 10 who made the most engagements in a week winning the CERT Auxiliary a Pizza Party after CONVID-19 and we are able to be together again.

Branch Leader Page on Website

Discussion revolved around the idea of creating a Branch Leader Page on the Auxiliary website defined by the Branch Leaders. Ken Braly will be available to support branches instead of proliferating Facebook and purchasing domain names over 15 Branches. This will also help for uniformity of messaging. Bill Monroe and John Arrasjid from Boulder Creek will work with Ken to craft a communication to Branch Leaders for ideas.

Additions

Doreen O’Donovan and her team were discussing how to be prepared – recruiting members with RVs -- invaluable in an activation. Park it for the duration of the event. Self-contained unit where things of need may be available or stored.

For all **lost** DSW badges, send names and contact information for a new badge to certauxiliary@gmail.com by 12/20/2020 so they may be processed by OES in a batch rather than one by one.

For **re-certification** use contact us tab on website to request re-certification or check box in training requesting re-certification. They will be contacted

individually to make an appointment to fill out a the DSW form, and have a photo taken. This should take about 30 minutes.

Branch Leader Reports

Catherine L. Green, City of Santa Cruz. No meeting so far this month. Requested clarification on the voting authority of the Working Group.

According to the CERT Auxiliary Bylaws the Board of Directors has total voting authority. The WG offers suggestions and recommendations that are voted on by the Board Directors for the decision. The CERT Council under the Santa Cruz County Emergency Management Council is responsible for all County CERT policy decisions.

David Sonnenberg, LiveOak/Soquel. Haven't had a meeting, but had one member volunteered for the debris flow activation. Next meeting will be 1/13 covering go-bags.

Liz Taylor-Selling, Felton Area. Working out a protocol for CERTS as phone callers. Dealing with sand bagging.

Bill Monroe, Boulder Creek. Talked about psychological impact of CZU, Election, COVID, etc. Discussed how people are maintaining their happiness.

Doreen O'Donovan, Aptos/LaSelva Beach. Debriefed fairgrounds activation

Dawn Mackey, Bonnie Doon. Having a meeting for CERTS active/inactive and new CERTs, and a second meeting for community members who are interested. Goal is to have all groups to be at the same training level by the end of next year. Will be going through the new CERT curriculum and reviewing a different module each month.

Susan Marx, LaSelva Beach. Last meeting on self-care, community MURS drill. Aiming for 1-hour meetings which might help participation.

John Hanley, Safety Officer. Get your flu shot. If over 65, be sure you get the high dose. Twin Lakes Church offers COVID-19 testing (info@tlc.org). Cheers for folks at Pfizer, will be shipped to 62 locations around the country. Only one location in the County with sufficient refrigeration is UCSC. Two shot vaccination, 1st shot imparts 50%, 2nd reaches 95%.

Bob Fike ARES. Finished tech class graduating 32 new AR members. Working with Equine Evac to enhance communication Developing 501c (3) for ARES.

Ed Spurr, Capitola. On hiatus until New Year!!

Jamshid Kiani, Red Cross. New Classes on sheltering and shelter management, if interested email: jnkiani@comcast.net

Next Meeting – **SATURDAY, January 9, 10-noon, ZOOM**

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