

CERT Auxiliary Working Group
Meeting Summary [Saturday, March 13, 2021](#)

Attending: Joyce Smith, Bob Fike, David Dean, Catherine L. Green, John Collins, Susan Marx, Ken Braly, Chris Jong, Traci Takeuchi, Dawn Mackey, Dan Selling, Rosemary Anderson, Jennifer Carr, Bill Monroe, Ed Spurr, Roberta Roberts, Liz Taylor Selling, David Sonnenberg, and Mary Edmund

Welcome & Announcements

--*Introduced Tracy Takeuchi*, Public Information Officer (PIO)

--*Prescribed Burn Workshop*

4/11/21 Workshop on how to do prescribed burns (currently filled but may waitlist).

--*ARES Technician Course*

Starting April 12, for 6 weeks technician class on Zoom platform. Need not know electronics or Morse code. Also follow up course on what now?

--*ARES CERT Exercise*

CERT teams to assemble at a location determined by their Branch/Team Leaders for a radio exercise. ARES will be simulating passing information from MURS to Ham, then Ham to Served Agencies (ARES Ham), then Agency to EOC ARES Ham, so that in an emergency we are able to quickly communicate at the different levels and determine the traffic that needs to be passed up the chain of command. Contact Roberta Roberts (robertajoiner1155@gmail.com) for more information.

--*Sign-up Genius Application vs Google Forms*

Ken Braly and Dan Selling looking at defining the requirements and evaluating the two products for best Auxiliary use for sign ups, like CERT activations. Requirements, definitions, reporting are first steps, also what data fields are needed? Contact Ken Braly at Ken@kenb.com with suggestions and recommendations.

Training

--*CERT Basic Training*

Graduating class of 8 new CERTS this past Sunday. Good group of people committed to helping their communities. Phase 1 is a 12-hour online training. Phase 2 is a 6-hour instructor led zoom training focusing on what student has learned from the online training, localizing information and a

unit on triage. 3rd Phase will be 4-hours Team training when we may meet safely in a large group. Plan on having two Phase 2 training per month. Next phase 2 classes: March 27, April 11, and 24.

--Continuing Education

3/26 Triage, 4/1 Utility Emergencyies, 4/20 Advanced Disaster Psychology. Working on Mental Health 101 and Conflict Resolution presentations. Please have CERTs sign up on website “SantaCruzCountyCERT.org “under the Training tab.

Progress Reports

--Activation Packs

Last meeting the WG decided on contents of packs. Received \$4,890 grant from Santa Cruz County Community Foundation. Because of the large number of items, a pack will be placed in Aptos, and one in Felton based on discussions among Logistics, and ED. Packaging it all for transport is a challenge. Catherine L. Green, Ed Spurr, Jennifer Carr, and Joyce Smith volunteered to assist with the packaging.

--CERT Communication Network –

Liz Taylor-Selling and Bob Fike presented a CERT Communication Plan. Plan sent to WG members for comment by March 30. Goal is to go final with plan at WG meeting on April 10.

--Branch Leader Page on Website

Ken Braly sent out information to Branch/Team Leaders, some have responded some have not. Email Ken Braly (Ken@kenb.com) about what you want listed on the website for your Branch or Team also times of meetings so they can be placed on the website calendar to reduce conflicts.

OES transitioning to Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR³)

--Office will have 4 people. An analyst and administrative assistant are hired, David Reed and Karen Adler, respectively. Interviewing for manager and another analyst. The OR³ office will be in the County building on Water St. Unknown status for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The CERT interface is undetermined. Most likely will be a part of the Resilience section with other Community Partners.

--CERT Council

Felton Fire Chief Bob Gray is the president of the CERT Council the conduit from the county to CERT via the Emergency Management Council (EMC).

CERT Council formed from EMC in 1989 when the state started giving money for CERT. This stopped in 2011 when the funding dried up. It reactivated after formation of the CERT Auxiliary in 2015. CERT Council Meetings on first Monday of month -- next April 5th 9-11am.

Temporary Evacuation Point

--Only a single point now -- Scotts Valley Community Center is only TEP operating. All traffic certified CERTs are on alert for possible activation. Activation order will be sent when the evacuation order is made (previously it was 24 after the evacuation order). Plan 3 CERTs working each of 3-hour shifts (7-11am, 11-3pm, 3-7pm) the first day then 4 CERTs each shift thereafter. Virtual TEP created by Red Cross for resource help. Call-in center also will be available.

Additions

--CERT SOP

Revising version to correspond more closely with County policy. Defines roles, expectations, uniform etc. Draft out for comment and suggestions. Those interested contact certauxiliary@gmail.com for draft copy.

--CERT Auxiliary Open Positions – Organization review and volunteer positions sent to WG members. People interested in doing “Auxiliary work” contact Rosemary Anderson -- 4rlaing@gmail.com or Mary Edmund -- certauxiliary@gmail.com.

Branch Leader Reports

--Liz- Taylor Selling, Felton Area Branch -- Rosemary Anderson will be speaking at the April 23rd SLV Emergency Network meeting on Emergency Transitions. Branch met and had a socially distant discussion about policies regarding CERT DSW vs. Good Samaritan Law.

--David Dean and David Sonnenberg, Live Oak /Soquel Branch -- Presentation on power back-ups at last meeting.

--John Collins, Scotts Valley/Branciforte Branch -- Working with Roberta Roberts on ARES-MURS practice for CERT/ARES exercise.

--Dawn- Mackey, Bonny Doon Branch -- Tiny meeting, two new people, doing refresher of basic training for the next few months.

--Catherine L. Green, City of Santa Cruz Branch -- Will be participating in 4/17 radio exercise.

--Jennifer Carr, Sunset Beach Team -- No update, hard to get people to continuing education training on Friday nights.

--Bill Monroe, Boulder Creek Branch -- Planning a local radio exercise and then received the notice about the joint ARES-MURS exercise. One new member.

--Ed, Spurr, Capitola Branch -- Bought a new generator for emergency service.

--Susan Marx, La Selva Beach Team -- COVID-19 Questions and Answers March 17, 7-8 pm with Dr. Hanley, Aptos Branch and Auxiliary Safety Officer. Branch /Team Leaders invited please contact laselvabeachcert@gmail.com for Zoom link to attend.

--Rosemary Anderson, Deputy Director -- Reminded WG that Auxiliary positions should be filled.

--Tracy Takeuchi, Public Information Officer (PIO) -- Shared a bit about her background in providing services during disasters on USCS campus.

Next Meeting – **SATURDAY, April 10, 10-noon, ZOOM**