

**CERT Auxiliary Working Group Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 10, 2021**  
**Summary**

Attendance: Joyce Smith, Roberta Roberts, Davis Dean, Jim Nelson, Dan Selling, John Handley, Liz Taylor-Selling, Bill Monroe, Ken Braly, Chris Jong, Rosemary Anderson, Bill Fidler, Ed Spurr, Jamshid, Kiani, Catherine L. Green, Doreen O'Donovan, Susan Marx, David Sonnenberg, and Mary Edmund

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Fire Quilts, A group is making quilts (Facebook CZU Fire) for people who have lost their homes or had damage. For further information contact: [ken@kenb.com](mailto:ken@kenb.com)
2. CalFire Ready, Set, Go. A three part zoom series with the last 2 parts on April 20 and 27 at 6:30 pm. Also on YouTube.
3. Active Shooter Training, June 23-30 at Scotts Valley HS needs volunteers. Contact Bill Monroe, POC for information and to sign-up: [wkmunro@comcast.net](mailto:wkmunro@comcast.net)

**Operations/Logistics Update**

1. CERT has been told to **stand down** from TEP for debris flow activation.
2. 3 Levels for CERT Activation (when it is possible)  
*Alert:* Heads-up notice there is a possibility of an emergency management activity which may require CERT assistance.  
*Standby:* Prepare for full deployment within 12-24 hours.  
*Immediate Deployment:* Proceed without delay to designated areas.
3. Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience (formally Office of Emergency Services-OES) transitioning to Fire season. Remind everyone about fire safety and water conservation.

**Basic Training**

Basic Instructors complete the onlineBasicTraining (onlineCERT.org) to see what students are seeing. Send copies of certificates of completion to Joyce Smith: [scstroller@gmail.com](mailto:scstroller@gmail.com)

**Continuing Education**

CERT/ARES Exercise, April 17, 2-4pm. Roberta Robert's has spearheaded this operation, her contact information: [robertajoiner1155@gmail.com](mailto:robertajoiner1155@gmail.com) Extensive discussion about the exercise with a flow chart of radio communication planned and ISC Form 205 that defines communication protocols for the incident. Policy is underdevelopment, but will be refined with lesson learned from the exercise. CERT and ARES are parallel but with different objectives.

**Progress Reports**

1. Activation Packs: Waiting on equipment from the Listos Bridging Grant to complete the packs. Will be a challenge organizing and packing the equipment and supplies in a usable quickly deplorable way. In the meantime if there is a need for equipment contact: [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com)
2. CERT Council: Reengaged in 2016, and in 2019 approved CERT activation protocol further approved by Fire, Law and OR3 (OES at that time). Working on amended CERT SOP and activation policy based on lessons learned in the past 8 months with CERT activations. Awaiting feedback from Council members and further staffing before implementation. Fire is also reviewing the Fire Branch Manager positions.

3. Volunteer Tracking Application: Purpose is to automate sign-up process for CERT events. Reviewed Sign-up Genius and the pay version of the application is more customizable. Recommended adopting the pay version of Sign-up Genius on a month to month basis for 3 months to see if it is acceptable and meets recommended criteria. Moved and seconded by WG members.

### **Additions**

1. Community Bridges may provide resources for people displaced from their homes by the CZU Fire. For more information contact: [info@cbridges.org](mailto:info@cbridges.org)
2. Branch or Team??? There is a parallel CERT structure with the Fire Service Areas. If you are in an area with a Fire Branch Manager, you are a Branch Leader. Organized areas within the Branches are Teams, i.e. Team LaSelva Beach is in the Aptos Branch. Also Branch Leaders should connect and record Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) participants within their Branches to offer support and grow the communication network.
3. Sewer is needed for designing and sewing pack/bag for the deployment portable lights with a packet for the recharging cord. Auxiliary will purchase the materials and supplies.
4. Engraver needed with experience for inscribing CERT equipment in activation packs. Auxiliary has engraver tool.
5. New Public Information Officer: Traci Takeuchi please use [CERTAuxiliaryPIO@gmail.com](mailto:CERTAuxiliaryPIO@gmail.com) to contact her.
6. PGE Numbers for CERT only  
Emergency (when you are unable to get a quick response from PG&E through the official number) call 911 first, 1-888-743-4911. Non-emergency 1-800-743-5000

### **Branch/Team Leder Reports**

1. *Felton Area*, Liz Taylor-Selling: Chief Aldo Gonzalez presentation on April 27, 2021. (4/15 correction-Chief Gonzalez will be replaced by other speaker)
2. *Boulder Creek*, Bill Monroe: 80% of last meeting was prep for 4/17 communication drill. Discussed content on Facebook page. Arranging a parking lot luncheon for Branch. Bill is planning on some time out for family commitments this summer.
3. *LiveOak/Soquel*, David Dean/David Sonnenberg: next meeting is May 12. David Dean is preparing power back-up class.
4. *Capitola*, Ed Spurr: wants to arrange a full county-wide exercise like the one done in 2016. Many comments and ideas. May start planning but need to wait until it is safe from people die to coronavirus.
5. *Team LaSelva Beach*, Susan Marx: last meeting Dr. John Hanley presented on COVID-19 vaccines. Next month topic will be back-up power solutions.
6. *Aptos*, Doreen O'Donovan: Excited to participate in the 4/17 CERT/ARES exercise. Have three teams participating.
7. *Red Cross*, Jamshid Kiani: Active shooter is training for Fire and Law, not an exercise. Currently switching from debris flow to fire issues. Working with OR3on support exercises.
8. *City Of Santa Cruz CERT*, Chris Jong: Zoom meeting in March with guest speaker Marie Brayman and CERT Jeopardy game; an in-person MURS radio training (3 members)

purchased radios coordinated by Susan-thank you); will participate in April 17<sup>th</sup> SAFE radio exercise.