

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

Saturday, July 10, 2021

- *Welcome & Announcements*
 - Meeting provided an opportunity for all to come together in-person and enjoy one another's company. Good way to reengage with people again.
 - All future meetings will be at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz on the second Saturday of the month from 10-noon.

- *Deputy – Rosemary Anderson*
 - CERT SOP and Activation Policy sent to all agencies and now officially approved (final copy attached).
 - The future of CERT Auxiliary -- Plans for Rosemary taking over on 1/1/22 have changed. We will continue the current Team approach with Mary Edmund as Director and Rosemary as Deputy Director until further notice.
 - Think about continuity, ICS positions really need to be 2 deep because we are all volunteers and need an alternate for continuity. We have had 5 disasters in the county over the passed 5 years, a lot for a small county, underscores the need for continuity.
 - Still staffing OR3. Lisa Ehret is newly hired and Mark Bisbee will continue as Interim Director

- *Operations/Logistics – Bill Monroe*
 - Active Shooter Training – JoMarie Faulkerson oversaw entire operation every day. Kudos! Overall CERT provided 372 hours with 41 people over 76 shifts from 10 Branches with Aptos Branch contributing the most hours. Over 400 First Responders attended from county, statewide, and federal agencies.
 - Lessons: Frequent messaging to get CERTs to sign up. People signed up, but forgot to press submit. People got a reminder e-mail. Access to survey of volunteers. It was great to have people learn others' roles and have a lead for each day. Signup Genius was very helpful. Now that the trial period was successful subscription changed from monthly to annual.

- *Public Information Office (PIO) – Traci Takeuchi*
 - There is a new way of handling information --

Remember to send items to CERT Auxiliary PIO especially information you want sent to other CERT Leaders. This provides consistent messaging and inclusion of all Leaders.

- Safety Officer – John Handley

- CERT will be keeping data on vaccinations, but will keep this information confidential. Only Director and Safety Officer will have access. You only need to report status once.

- The following is the current COVID19 mask policy for the CERT Auxiliary events, classes and trainings.

-- Proof of vaccination status is required once (either your vaccination card, a screen shot, or copy). If fully vaccinated, you may choose to wear a mask if indoors or out.

--If one feels it is an invasion of privacy for revealing vaccination status, you must wear a mask while attending meetings, etc.

--If you are volunteering as an instructor, you must be vaccinated and show proof of full vaccine status.

--It is expected all CERTs will comply. This policy may change in the future based on scientific understanding.

- Covid will be around for a long time, so there will likely be further boosters. Supreme Court has supported requiring vaccination if needed for work.

- To access your vaccination record go to State website – myvaccinerecord.cdph.gov

- Basic Training Manager– Joyce Smith

- Basic training has been on Zoom, now planning in-person training for the 42 CERTs certified with the COVID-19 curriculum. Practice session for Instructors – Aug 8 at Central Fire (Aptos). Hands-on classes Sept 18, 19, October 2, and 3 from 8-2 at Central Fire (Aptos). CERTs need only attend one day.

- Continuing Education – July 14 “ How to Work with All Kinds of People and Stay Safe” from 7 to 8:30 on the zoom platform.

- Reports/Ongoing Discussions

- Activation Packs

--Demonstration and Hands-on -- Read laminated instructions for lighting system.

--Branch/Team Binders – Ed Spurr provided example of his Branch Activation Binder.

--**ACTION:** Ed Spurr, Dondi Gaskill, Laura Miyazaki and Ken Braly volunteered to work on Binder to be used by all Branches and Teams, as appropriate.

- Communications Committee
 - Draft After Action Report from the April 17th CERT/ARES exercise was distributed. Will review and approve at August WG meeting.
 - WG / Staff Emails – Ken Braly
 - Issues with proposed email distributed recently. Now switching to Google, please contact Ken at ken@kenb.com for assistance. Will need a phone number to authentication
 - Additions
 - CERT Auxiliary Open Positions -- liaison position needs a deputy. Josh Martin requests someone with more CERT Auxiliary experience to act as Co-Liaison.
- Branch/Team Leader Reports

Felton--Liz Taylor-Selling: Met in June and elected not to meet in July, but to do some activity not identified yet. On Aug 1st ARES power shut-off training -- need actors. ARES will be providing scenarios for CERTs to act out.

Scott's Valley/Branciforte—John Collins: Trying to get going again.

Boulder Creek--Bill Monroe: Have been on ZOOM, but now trying to schedule in-person meetings.

Santa Cruz City--Catherine L. Greene: Have not had a meeting but planning an event.

Live Oak/Soquel--David Dean: Next meeting on July 14, presentation on Portable Solar Power.

Capitola--Ed Spurr: No meeting to date. Working on activation equipment and supplies.

Bonny Doon--Dawn Mackey: Co-team leader -- Ed Olson, planning to lead meeting this month.

La Selva Beach--Susan Marx: Last month recovery insurance, this month escape routes. Noted article in Santa Cruz Sentinel by Tom Karwin saying to ignore fire safety. CERT Auxiliary will follow up with request to discontinue this mindset.

Seacliff--Mary Edmund: Meeting later this month.

Red Cross—Jamshid Kiani: Now doing all congregate sheltering.

Next Meeting – **SATURDAY, August 14,**
10-noon at Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz

This is a secure location with limited access. Please arrive between 9:45 and 9:50 am at the Chanticleer St entrance.