

## CERT Auxiliary Working Group

### *Meeting Notes*

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Attendees: Ed Spurr, Ken Braly, Sharon Spence, Chris Jong, Catherine L. Green, Susan Marx, Joyce Smith, Jo Marie Faulkerson, Doreen O'Donovan, Liz Taylor-Selling, David Dean, LizAnne Jensen, and Mary Edmund

- *Welcome & Announcements*
  - Attached below are webinars and highlights from National CERT Association and CAL OES.
  - CERT Conference for 2022 will be 5/30-6/1 in Galveston, TX. with preconference training from 5/27-29.
- *Deputy – Rosemary Anderson:*
  - Representing CERT at North Rodeo Gulch Fire Wise event today.
  - David Reid was appointed Director of Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3); he was formerly in an Analyst position. Mark Bisbee, formerly interim Director is now filling that Analyst position.
- *Operations/Logistics – JoMarie Faulkerson*
  - Activation planned to support UCSC at behest of OR3 for traffic management activity from Sep 16-19 with 3 shifts/day. Will provide good training for those traffic management certified for there is an expectation of 8,000 students/cars at the one CERT site.
- *PIO – Traci Takeuchi:* absent
- *Safety Officer – John Handley:* absent
  - CDC is going to recommend that both the annual flu shot and COVID-19 “booster” be given at the same time.
  - No update on the booster shot availability and timing.
- *Training*
  - Basic – Joyce Smith: Phase 3 hands-on training scheduled for Saturday, Sep 18. And 10/2-3 (similar to the Saturday PM of the pre-Covid Basic).
  - Continuing Education – Sept 30, 7pm on zoom platform "CERT and Fire Safe Council collaborative opportunity for community education.
- *Reports/Ongoing Discussions*
  - Branch/Team Activation Binders – Ed Spurr is offering to provide branch and team staff with complete physical binders at no cost, but will require the following information. Leaders should provide:
    - A written request to [capitolacert@gmail.com](mailto:capitolacert@gmail.com) ASAP with the number of copies requested;
    - Identify command and general staff with contact information;
    - Inventory basic/specific activation equipment/supplies and stored location; and
    - Identify potential command post sites.

The purpose of these requirements is to ensure binders are complete and up-to-date.

- *Communications Committee* -- Liz Taylor-Selling: 1st goal, create a network of CERT team communicators should we need to communicate county-wide in a disaster situation. Mostly complete.
  - Will now meet quarterly rather than monthly.
  - ACTION: Liz Taylor-Selling will create a roster of those assigned to each Branch and Team for inclusion in activation binders.
  - Relationship between CERT hams and ARES is still a bit unclear.
- New Business
  - *CERT and Firesafe Counsel* have a number of shared interests, WG supports alliance. Needed are CERTs interested in helping with promotion and assisting neighborhoods to become fire safe.
  - *Survey CERT Membership*--email thoughts on questions to [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com) Suggestion that separate questions regarding ideas for training topics for both a Branch/Team and CERT Auxiliary.
  - *Branch & Team Shared Zoom Account* for all CERT Leaders use. Contact: [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com) for log-in and password.
  - Several WG members recommended attendance at *Earthquake Country Workshops* ([earthquakecountry.org](http://earthquakecountry.org)) the State-wide Organization is currently trying to organize in the Central Coast area.
  - *Great Shake-Out* -- Thursday Oct 21 a 10:21am or name your own date and time. Register at [greatshakeout.com](http://greatshakeout.com)
  - Recommendation to *standardize the use of sign-up genius* among administrators. Meeting to be planned.
- Branch/Team Leader Reports
  - *David Dean*, Team Live Oak: next meeting in Nov. Currently doing CERT promotion at the Live Oak Farmers Market with good results.
  - *Liz Taylor-Selling*, Team Leader Felton Area: Monthly meetings; date changed due to Labor Day -- discussed new policies and activation procedures.
  - *Ed Spurr*, Branch Leader Capitola: next meeting in Oct.
  - *Doreen O'Donovan*, Branch Leader Aptos: has not had a meeting in a long time. Next meeting will merge with Capitola Branch.
  - *Susan Marx*, Team Leader La Selva Beach: Has monthly meetings available to all in the La Selva Community and quarterly meetings for CERT Team members. Sep 25 PSPS What to do; Oct 17 Team quarterly meeting. Planned in-person to visit upgraded shed and review clubhouse changes; Nov bake sale and raffle to benefit CERT Team.
  - *Catherine L. Green*, City of Santa Cruz: meeting on zoom -- reviewed light, food and grab and go bags options; played jeopardy game; a lot of fun.

Next Meeting  
Saturday, October 9 from 10 to noon  
On zoom platform

\*\*\*\*\* Four Flyers Below \*\*\*\*\*



## FEMA REGION 2 IS PROUD TO PRESENT



### A National Preparedness Month Celebration



**Wednesdays in September**

*Join the whole community to  
test your knowledge and have  
fun with preparedness!*

#### RESILIENCE BINGO

September 1st 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

[REGISTER](#)



#### YOUTH WHEEL OF READINESS

September 8th 5:00pm - 6:00pm ET

[REGISTER](#)



#### PREPAREDNESS TRIVIA

September 15th 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

[REGISTER](#)

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JEOPARDY

September 22nd 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

[REGISTER](#)



#### CERT FEUD

September 29th 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

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# FEMA

## Region 10 Webinar Series - Animals and Disasters

A free webinar series focused on animal safety and preparedness. Presenters will cover evacuation and sheltering considerations, with an emphasis on heat and wildfire impacts.

There will be representatives from:

- American Humane
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
- Spokane County Emergency Management



Day 1: August 27th from 10 - 11 a.m. PT: Pets & Small Animals

Day 2: September 17th from 10 - 11 a.m. PT: Livestock & Large Animals

**LINKS** (no registration needed, click link below at time of webinar):

Friday, August 27: <https://bit.ly/AnimalPrep1>

Friday, September 17: <https://bit.ly/AnimalPrep2>

**WHERE:** Microsoft teams - Online Meeting Platform

Closed captioning will be available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Korean, Chinese, and Tagalog. If you require additional accommodations, please email [FEMA-R10-CommunityPrep@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-CommunityPrep@fema.dhs.gov) or text/call 425-877-7910. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill. [This will be recorded and available at https://www.youtube.com/c/EMDPrepare](https://www.youtube.com/c/EMDPrepare)



## FEMA Region 7 National Preparedness Month Webinar Series

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is **“Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.”**

Join us each Thursday throughout the month of September to hear about ways that you can **Prepare to Protect** by learning how to be more prepared for disasters and learn about resources available to help you through emergencies.

If you have any questions about these webinars, contact:  
[FEMA-R7-COMMUNITY-PREPAREDNESS@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R7-COMMUNITY-PREPAREDNESS@fema.dhs.gov)

### Be COVID Prepared

Sept. 9 11:00 am – 12:00 pm C

*This webinar is designed to introduce institutes of higher education (IHE) to the Be COVID Prepared Toolkit. This toolkit, designed by FEMA and HHS partners in Region 7, will help IHEs and their students prepare for COVID-19 if it impacts their campus again.*

Register for the webinar [here](#).

### Introduction to OPEN

Sept. 16 11:00 am – 12:00 pm C

*When community-based organizations, such as food pantries, daycares, and non-profits, are unable to sustain operations during an emergency incident, individuals who rely on them are exponentially impacted. Because of their importance in keeping the community going, the Organizations Preparing for Emergency (OPEN) program is designed to empower these organizations to better prepare for incidents. This webinar is a brief introduction to the OPEN program and will highlight how your organization can benefit from it.*

Register for the webinar [here](#).

### Mind Over Matter

Sept. 23 11:00 am – 12:00 pm C

*This webinar is designed to introduce people to the Mind Over Matter resource document created by FEMA and HHS partners in Region 7. Originally designed as a companion to the “Be COVID Prepared” toolkit for colleges and universities, this resource document includes resources that would be beneficial to anyone dealing with the stress and mental fatigue of the pandemic.*

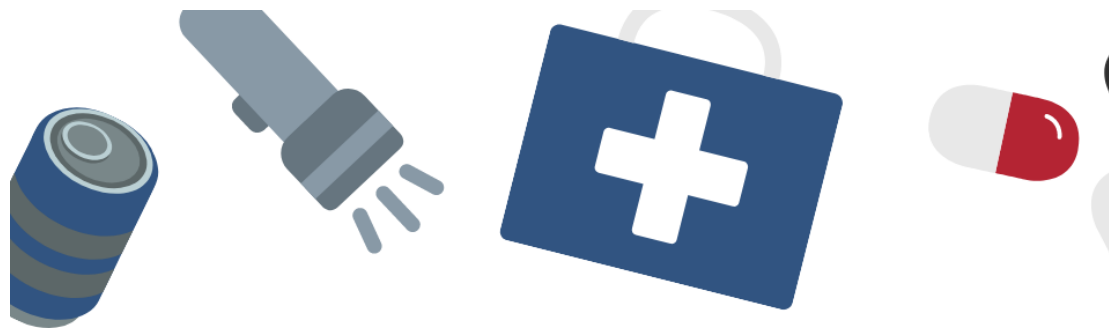
Register for the webinar [here](#).

### Are You Ready?

Sept. 30 11:00 am – 12:00 pm C

*Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property. This webinar will provide information on how best to prepare your family and your community for disasters. We will introduce FEMA’s Are You Ready guide to citizen preparedness and highlight ways you can use the guide to be better prepared for all types of disasters or emergencies.*

Register for the webinar [here](#).



**FEMA Region V  
Individual and Community Preparedness Webinar**

## **PREPARE TO PROTECT: PREPARING YOUTH FOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS**

**Monday, September 27**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT**

**Register: <https://bit.ly/3h4xjqD>**

