

CERT Auxiliary Working Group
Meeting Notes

[Saturday, October 9, 2021](#)

Attendees: Ed Spurr, Ken Braly, Chris Jong, Catherine L. Green, Susan Marx, Joyce Smith, Jo Marie Faulkerson, Liz Taylor-Selling, David Sonnenberg, Bill Monroe, Dan Selling, and Mary Edmund

- *Welcome & Announcements*
 - *Great Shake-Out* -- Thursday Oct 21 a 10:21am or name your own date and time. Register at greatshakout.com
 - OR3 orchestrating a Code Red alert for entire County on October 21st at 10am to test system and encourage people to sign-up for Code Red .
 - Received \$5000 State COVod-19 Relief Grant.
- *Deputy – Rosemary Anderson: absent -on leave*
- *Operations/Logistics – Bill Monroe*
 - Activation planned to support UCSC was different from what was originally planned. Focus became more as the first point of contact for students and their families rather than traffic management. CERTs were uninformed of this change. In future events members will receive information regarding changes so they may decide to continue or withdraw from the operation.

All are reminded if you every feel uncomfortable or dissatisfied with your role you have the option of standing down. As a volunteer, this is an intrinsic right, and one that is respected and acknowledged.

- Requests for CERT to help with Halloween activities and school traffic management. Could dilute availability for actual emergencies. A clear policy is needed. A committee (Bill Monroe (lead), Liz Taylor-Selling , Ed Spurr, and Mary Edmund will review a request from Capitola for help with school traffic management. Goal is to a create a CERT draft policy for future requests of this nature. This be reviewed by the Working group when completed.for establishing a formal policy.
- *Safety Officer – John Handley: absent -- asked for the following to be presented:*
 - All are encouraged to promote vaccination and to do so if still unvaccinated.
 - CDC recommends that both the annual flu shot and COVID-19 “booster” be given at the same time.

- County has lifted mask mandate.
- Need for new COVID-19 policy which covers the legality of requesting CERTs to show vaccination verification and duplicating the card for Branch and Team records.
- *PIO –Traci Takeuchi: absent-on leave*
 - Need for Policy regarding photographs taken at CERT training and events. Agenda item for discussion next month.
- *Training*
 - Basic – Joyce Smith: Phase 3 hands-on training completed on 10/2-3 (similar to the Saturday PM of the pre-Covid Basic). Looking for possible date for Phase 2 training in November.
 - Continuing Education – Quiet until next year due to upcoming Holidays.
 - North County Utilities Training on November 6th. Will include a lecture and hands-on component. All CERTs are invited to attend through Sign-up Genius. Branches and Teams are encouraged to train together to allow opportunity for more students and trainers, as well as, getting to know one another across the County.
 - Request for County-Wide exercise next year.-- On WG agenda for next month for ideas and to form a committee to begin planning.
- *Reports/Ongoing Discussions*
 - Branch/Team Activation Binders –. Ed Spurr to provide physical binders at no cost. A written request to capitolacert@gmail.com ASAP with the number of copies requested.
 - *Communications Committee* -- Liz Taylor-Selling:
 - 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 unclear.
- *New Business*
 - *Survey CERT Membership*--email thoughts on questions to certauxiliary@gmail.com

- *Branch & Team Shared Zoom Account* for all CERT Leaders use. Contact: certauxiliary@gmail.com for log-in and password.
 - Recommendation to *standardize the use of sign-up genius* among administrators. On WG agenda for next month.
 - Ken Braly, Auxiliary Webmaster requests Branch and Team information be sent to him at Ken@kenb.com.
- Branch/Team Leader Reports
 - *David Sonnenberg*, Team Live Oak: no report
 - *Liz Taylor-Selling*, Team Leader Felton Area: Reviewing CERT SOP and Activation Policy. Creating Branch organization chart. Chief Gray authorized Branch activation helping with traffic management for Halloween. Pre-training will be October 28. Will send info to PIO for County dissemination.
 - *Ed Spurr*, Branch Leader Capitola: Joint meeting with Aptos Branch on October 28 with speaker Marco Mack, CERT Branch Manager. Request a discussion on CERT and Map Your Neighborhood's (MYN) relationship be a future WG agenda item.
 - *Susan Marx*, Team Leader La Selva Beach: Will have in-person meeting at the clubhouse (command post). A raffle and bake sale to benefit La Selva CERT is planned for November 13.
 - Catherine L. Green, Branch Leader City of Santa Cruz: No meeting in October, Members requesting radio training. Cleaning up Branch roster.

Next Meeting
Saturday, November 13 from 10 to noon
On zoom platform

Topic: Working Group Meeting
Time: 10am--noon

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