

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Attendees: Dawn Mackey, Dan Selling, Liz Taylor-Selling, Catherine L. Green, Ken Braly, Bill Monroe, Jamshid Kiani, Chris Jong, John Collins, Sharon Spence, Doreen O'Donovan, Jo Marie Faulkerson, Susan Marx, David Dean and Mary Edmund

- Welcome & Announcements.
 - The CERT Auxiliary has successfully transitioned to an ICS structure. Thanks to all who have stepped-up and assumed Staff positions. We are now able to activate with better organization and a faster response.
 - General Staff now meeting every month. Plans for the future include developing an active CERT roster and creating standard learning objectives for all CERTs beyond Basic Training.
- Deputy – Rosemary Anderson -- Not in attendance
- Operations/Logistics – Bill Monroe
 - Plan a video review of the Deployment Binder at the Branch and Team Leader Meeting in February. Thank you Ed Spurr for your time and hours of work on this.
 - Training materials are the responsibility of Joyce Smith, Basic Training Manager.
- Planning/Intelligence – John Collins
 - Two planned meetings – Branch/Team Leader Meeting on February 12, 2022 starting at 10am on Zoom. Additionally open to all members of the Working Group. More information will follow closer to the date.
 - In Summer 2022, planning a County-wide multi agency exercise/training combining with first responders and other community groups, such as the Red Cross. If interested in being on the planning committee please contact: John at ScottsvalleyandbranciforteCERT@mail.com
- Website – Ken Braly
 - Cleaning up the CERT database. Soon people will be able to add or remove themselves from the mailing list.
- Public Information Officer (PIO) -- Traci Takeuchi -- Not in attendance
 - Photo policy deferred to January.
- Safety Officer – John Hanley -- Not in attendance
 - Discussion of Draft CERT Auxiliary COVID-19 policy. Many comments so in process of reworking. Will be sent to WG members when finalized.
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- Training – Joyce Smith -- Not in attendance
 - Basic Training Phase 2 and 3 now available for sign-up on the website. Joyce will receive and respond to requests for Phase 1.
- Reports/Ongoing Discussion
 - CERT Communications – Discussion with ARES to define role, the boundaries of operation and responsibility inside the

role, and agreement on the name for CERT ham radio operators.

- CERT/MYN Relationship – MYN is a teaching tool offered to CERTs and those outside of CERT. Branch/Team leaders should keep track of the groups within their areas and stay in contact.

Consider working with Firewise and Communication groups using the CERT protocol.

- Red Cross on standby for storms. At next WG meeting, Jamshid Kiani will discuss RED Cross's new category of volunteers, who would be CERTs with access to RED Cross training and may also work as Red Cross volunteers.

- Branch/Team Leader Reports

Liz Taylor-Selling, Team Leader Felton Area: Discussed ideas for training in 2022. No meeting in January for usual meeting falls on the 1st. Planning for hands-on medical training in February. Usually have 6-10 participants.

Susan Marx, Team Leader La Selva Beach: Raffle and Bake sale was very successful. January planning an in-person meeting on size-up. Usually have 9-20 participants.

Catherine L. Green, Branch Leader City of Santa Cruz: No meetings Plan to discuss with Fire Branch Manager, Paul Horvat, about goals for new year. No contact with Paradise Park Team.

Bill Monroe, Boulder Creek: Debrief from November Utilities activity. Requested David Dean to do Zoom training on Alternative Power Sources for January This is also available as a recorded training on the website. Usually have 7-12 participants.

John Collins, *Scotts Valley and Branciforte*: No meetings. Members frequently join Felton activities. In January will email members to discuss training topics.

Dawn Mackey, Bonny Doon: No meetings in November or December for too close to holidays. January will be for planning a community outreach activity in February. Usually have 2-5 participants.

Doreen O'Donovan, Aptos: No meetings but went to brunch with communications CERTs on next steps. Usually have 15-20 participants.

Davis Dean, In November met to plan training for 2022. Has had volunteers to help with the trainings. January will be Go-Bags. Usually have 6-10 participants.

Next Meeting **Saturday, January 8, 10am-noon** on Zoom