

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

[Saturday, May 14, 2022](#)

Attendees: Dawn Mackey, Bill Monroe, Don Dickerson, Liz Taylor-Selling, Ken Braly, Chris Jong, JoMarie Faulkerson, Susan Marx, Ed Olson, John Hanley, Ed Spurr, Joyce Smith, John Collins, Dan Selling, Cindy Delgado, Doreen O'Donovan, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome Don Dickerson, new Chief, Logistics
- Deputy – Rosemary Anderson -- Not on Attendance
 - There is a need for a mapping program for tracking Team boundaries, members, communication groups, MYN areas, etc. **ACTION:** *Rosemary Anderson will form group and review Google maps and Survey 123 and make recommendation to WG including what information is needed on the maps.*
 - Max Uhmney will be the OR3 contact now as Lisa Ehret and Karen Adler have both left OR3.
 - Golden Eagle an annual regional sponsored exercise is May 19. The County and its partners will participate in a regional exercise focused on Emergency Support Function #1 -- Transportation. For this exercise, CERTs may be volunteers as exercise evaluators and sim cell operators.
- Operations/Logistics – Bill Monroe, Chief, JoMarie Faulkerson, Deputy
 - Active shooter annual event is 6/21-6/29 with a break of one day 6/26. Our purpose will be monitoring the perimeter and parking areas of an access-controlled training site (Scotts Valley HS), redirecting unauthorized pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic inadvertently entering the area and reporting potential suspicious activity or other issues. Radio communications will be via MURs. There will be 3 shifts/day. All active CERTs will be sent an email outlining the event.
 - The sign-up link is:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA62FA7F4C61-perimeter>
- Planning/Intelligence – John Collins Chief – Not in attendance
Dawn Mackey, Deputy
 - Working on plan for active CERTs beyond basic training. Components include the value of safety, good assessment and clear communication.
 - All-County training exercise scheduled for Saturday, August 6 for 4 hours sometime between 8am and 4pm. Teams form

- 2 Divisions -- at Mountain Community Resources (MCR) in Felton and at Central Fire's Station 5 in Aptos (backlot).
- Text'em All is an application used to notify CERTs of possible activation. There are 3 *categories* to date:
 - Leadership** (Auxiliary Staff and Team Leaders) **All active CERTs** (CERTs with current Disaster Service Worker, (DSW) badges), and **Communications** (CERT hams and Team MURS operators)
- Public Information Officer (PIO) Traci Takeuchi -- Not on Attendance
- Safety Officer – John Hanley
 - Update on COVID – numbers ticking upwards but hospitalizations downward.
 - Recommend wearing mask indoor settings and getting 2nd booster if eligible for unsure how long the vaccination immunity will last.
 - Data is forthcoming on new drug treatments.
- Training – Joyce Smith
 - Thursday, April 28 through May 29th for first first in-person Basic Training class since COVID's beginning.
- Reports/Ongoing Discussion
 - Amended Financial Policy for Activation (attached) will be reviewed and possible approval at next WG meeting.
 - Draft Organizational charts were presented with several comments for amendment. Will presented again with changes at next WG meeting.
- Team Leaders reported on Team activities.

Next Meeting Working Group *Saturday, June 11*, 10am-noon on Zoom

Enclosures:

Financial Policy for Activation

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Disaster Activation Spending Process

NOTE: Expenses during activation are NOT anticipated and should only be considered during extreme circumstances. Before considering any spending during activation please refer to the activation equipment inventories included at the end of this process to avoid unnecessary spending/duplication. All expenses are paid out of pocket and then submitted for reimbursement with a paid invoice.

1. Identify the item needed, verify that it is not in the inventory, and an explanation of why it's needed.
2. If a team is isolated, check with other teams and division sites for availability
3. Present your proposal to the CERT lead on site.
4. The CERT lead can authorize spending up to \$100 per operational period.
5. Expenditures in excess of the authorized amount must be approved by either the Chief or Deputy, Logistics or Operations, depending on the goods/services needed, up to \$300.
6. Any proposed expense in excess of the spending limit in item #4 require approval of the Chief or Deputy, Finance
7. For reimbursements, an itemized paid invoice should be presented to the Chief or Deputy, Finance.