

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

Saturday, August 13, 2022

In attendance: Dawn Mackey, Ken Braly, Rosemary Anderson, Don Dickerson, John Collins, Traci Takeuchi, Bill Monroe, Liz Taylor-Selling, John Hanley, Chris Jong, Dan Selling, Catherine L. Green, Jo Marie Faulkerson, Susan Marx, Doreen O'Donovan, Sharon Spence, Joyce Smith, Bill Monroe, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome & Announcements
 - David Hong new Team Leader (TL) for Corralitos / Watsonville
 - Annual CERT Conference will be in Bay area next year
 - Ed Spurr, Capitola TL withdrew from CERT Program
 - COVID-19 Policy remains unchanged
 - Need speaker for Lions Club on Thursday, September 8.
Contact : Joyce Smith at BasicTraining831cert@gmail.com
- August 6th
 - Most of meeting was discussion and comment on the exercise. Overall they were positive and much was learned. **ACTION:** *John Collins to compile all AAR from various areas and distributed summary to WG and TLs.*
- Basic Training - Joyce Smith
 - Next in-person BT Course starts Thursday, August 25 and continues Thursday evenings until Saturday class on September 17. Sign-ups are on the website under the Training tab.
 - Phase 2 class (in-person) on Thursday, September 22
 - Phase 3 class (in-person) on Saturday, September 24
 - **Need more instructors for these classes.** Instructor sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45ada62fa7f4c61-instructor5>.
 - Continuing Education – Triage Review Class rescheduled for
 - Tuesday, September 27 on zoom from 7-8:30pm. Sign-up on the website under the Training tab.
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- Disasterville Game
 - A tabletop disaster game which may be configured for different disasters and for 2 to a room full of people will be available soon for Team Leader use. **ACTION:** Mary Edmund will arrange for a facility and date for in-person meeting of WG and TLs to review and play the game as soon as it is received from CERT Association.
- Reports/Ongoing Discussions
 - Review the CERT Training proposal and Mapping Strategy enclosed for discussion at next WG meeting. Be prepared to assist with one or both of the projects.

Enclosures: (on next 2 pages)
CERT Training Proposal
Mapping Strategy

Next meeting Saturday, September 10 from 10-noon on Zoom

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Santa Cruz County CERT Training Proposal

After the basic training course, what skills should a CERT member know to be activated for a county wide incident? The basic training course teaches us how to support ourselves, family and neighborhood in the event of a disaster but does not teach the skills to operate under local government agencies or first responders.

Realistically we have had to draw on resources from all over the county to staff most activations so having a consistent training program across the county COURTs is justified. The content of this program will need to be decided with input both internally and from fire, law and OR3.

The first phase will be to put together a strawman proposal that can be brought to the CERT Council for discussion. A few years ago the Felton Fire District CERT Liaison drafted a proposal for reference. Below is an outline of the proposed curriculum, it includes 4 modules that can be taught virtual and in person with a half day field test after completing the course material.

Required Courses

- IS-100.c
- IS 200.c
- IS 700.b

Module One: Understanding the CERT organizational structure and policies.

- OR3 and EOC
- CERT Council
- CERT Auxiliary
- CERT Branches
- SOP: Operation Procedures and Activation Policy

Module Two: Understanding your role as a DSW.

- Required PPE
- Activation Bag and Supplies
- Situational Awareness
- Risk Assessment
- Staying in Your Lane and Working with First Responders
- Following the Chain of Command
- Being an Effective Team Member
- Documentation: ICS and CERT Forms

Module Three: Effective assessment and communications.

- Scene Size Up Using C.A.N.
- Neighborhood Surveys
- Structure Damage Assessment
- Radio Communications

Module Four: Managing a medical emergency.

- Patient Assessment System
- First Priority Medical Procedures
- Recovery Position and Carries
- Communicating Medical Information

Additional Courses

- CPR/AED
- Stop the Bleed
- Traffic Management
- PG&E Utility Safety
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- Red Cross Shelter Deployment/Operations

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Objective: A need has been identified for an integrated mapping method for tracking volunteer resources that can be activated in a disaster.

Phase One to include:

CERT Team boundaries, CERT Team Leaders, CERT supply caches, CERT command posts, ARES members (individuals)/regions covered, neighborhood communication groups, Map Your Neighborhood, Equine Evacuation leads

Develop a SOP and continuity plan specific to County GIS point of contact, for sending situational updates and information to the EOC for mapping purposes.

Procedures will be included in the activation binders.

Fire Wise Communities mapped

Phase Two:

Assessment form for windshield surveys (one electronic in Survey 1,2,3) one hard copy to be included in activation binder (may be there but need to ensure they are the same) to include training on how to utilize.