

CERT Auxiliary Working Group
November 12, 2022 Summary

Dawn Mackey, Joyce Smith, Dan Selling, Rosemary Anderson, JoMarie Faulkerson, Chris Jong, Doreen O'Donovan, Catherine L. Green, Liz Taylor-Selling, Cindy Delgado, Jamshid Kiani, Bill Monroe, Susan Marx, Ken Braly, Ed Olson, and Mary Edmund

- *Announcements:*

- Holiday Party -- December 17 starting at 11am at the Happy Valley Conference Center, 2159 Branciforte Dr, Santa Cruz. Remember to bring your wrapped surprise gift costing from \$10-\$20. Please RSVP soon.
- Disasterville Game – Doreen O'Donovan is the keeper of the game. Please contact her at Doreen.odonovan@gmail.com to reserve the game for your Team, get help with game set-up and play. ***Please allow several weeks lead time.*** It is best to schedule at least 2 hours for the exercise and predesignate a Commander. Previous game participants had many questions about the process of activation and CERT roles and felt much was learned.
- New Disaster Ready Guide – Available for tabling in English and Spanish. Contact certauxiliary@gmail.com

- *New Issues:*

- Move to Live Oak – With the merging of Central and Aptos Fire there is a lot of shuffling of designated space, we have been informed that all the equipment and supplies, as well as, training at Station 5 (on Soquel Dr) need to be relocated to Central Fires' Live Oak location. We will be provided an 8x8x20 convex container to replace the shed at Station 5. A plan will be developed by Don Dickerson, JoMarie Faulkerson, Joyce Smith and Mary Edmund for the move that is expected to be sometime in February. Ed Olson, and Dan Selling offered to help with their trucks and trailer.
- FEMA IS 100, 200, 700 -- Discussion regarding in-person independent study classes which may increase participation rather than doing the course on-line by self. Will revisit the possibility of having group workshops after the first of the year.
- Stop the Bleed (STP) / Disaster Preparedness Classes – As a condition of receiving the \$15,000 State grant there needs to be at least 10 STB and 10 Disaster Preparedness Classes. First STB class is Monday with 14 CERT participants. Would like to focus

on Mobile Home Parks for Disaster Preparedness. Classes will start again in the New Year.

- *Reports/Ongoing Discussion:*

- Mapping – Rosemary Anderson, Dan Selling and Paul Garcia, GIS will provide more information and outline the process to the WG after the Holidays.
- Levels of Participation – Much discussion revolving around the numbers of levels and what each are called. A draft is attached. Please make comment and return to certauxiliary@gmail.com so ideas may be considered and a new draft document created. Will be presented to the WG at January's meeting for approval and included in changes to CERT SOP and Activation Guide.
- Strategic Plan – Tabled to January's WG meeting because of time constraints.

- *Staff Round Table:*

- Deputy, Rosemary Anderson – Reported the sad news of Frank LeoNetti's death. He was a well-liked, active Seacliff CERT participant who will be greatly missed. Rosemary will provide addition information to WG members for condolences.

Planning a meeting with Watsonville Fire Chief, Rudy Lopez to identify ways to increase participants and CERT involvement.

- Training, Joyce Smith – Will be finishing the last class of the year on 11/13. Next class scheduled for January/February.

Working on plan with Santa Cruz High School to teach STB classes to teachers. If you are a STB instructor and are interested in helping with classes contact Joyce at basictraining831cert@gmail.com

- Planning, Dawn Mackey – Actively working on Advanced Training modules. Still in draft format.
- Liaison, Cindy Delgato – Working on spreadsheet of outside agencies involved with CERT. Plan presentation to WG in January.

- *Additional Items:*

- Red Cross invites CERTs to participate in their Sound Alarm Program. Scheduled once a month, individuals in their residence

are offered disaster and fire preparedness information and having a smoke detector installed . If interested, contact Jamishi Kiani at jnkiani@comcast.net

- Weather radio will be tested by OR3 and NOAA in the next couple weeks .
- County Planning and Public Works Department are merging – new name – Department of Community Development & Infrastructure. The director is Matt Machado.
- Active Shooter Exercise will be scheduled for July, 2023 at San Lorenzo High School.
- *Team Leaders made reports of activity.*

NO WORKING GROUP MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next meeting – January 14, 2023 on zoom

NO MEETING to teach STB classes to teachers

CERT PARTICIPATION LEVELS

CERT Trained

These are class participants who have chosen not to join a CERT Team. During a disaster they will help at the family and neighborhood level.

They may identify themselves as CERT trained, but not as active CERTs and ineligible to be activated. Respond to disasters as a Good Samaritan.

Mandatory

- Complete the FEMA certified CERT Basic Training Course
- No DSW Badge

Eligible for Activation vs Active Responder

CERT member

Mandatory

- **Complete CERT Basic Training**
- Be sworn in as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW)
- Complete 25 hours of Continuing Education over 5 years before recertification
- Join a CERT Team within Santa Cruz County, **if possible.**
- **Annually attend at least one Team meeting or drill.**
- **Complete CERT Advanced Training – 4 Modules**
- Complete the following online courses (training.fema.gov/is/)
 - IS 100 -- Basic Incident Command System
 - **IS 200** -- ICS for Single Resource and Initial Actions Incidents
 - Suggested: IS 700 – Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Leadership

Assume a leadership position and/or complete additional training

Mandatory

- All CERT Level 1 requirements
- **Attend leadership meetings, training classes, and exercises**
- **Active participation in a leadership role –Team Leader, CERT Instructor, Auxiliary, Command Staff**

Optional

- CPR/First Aid/AED class
- Red Cross Shelter Deployment/Operations
- **FEMA CERT Animals in Disaster (IS 10, IS 11)**
- MURS Communications **Basic and Advanced (on website)**
- Traffic Safety Management (Classroom, **Hands-on**)
- **PG&E Utilities Safety**
- **Stop the Bleed**
- **CERT Instructor Train the Trainer**
- **Amateur Radio License**

Ineligible

Those removed for violation of the Code of Conduct