

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

January 14, 2023 Summary

Dawn Mackey, Joyce Smith, Dan Selling, Rosemary Anderson, JoMarie Faulkerson, Chris Jong, Doreen O'Donovan, Catherine L. Green, Liz Taylor-Selling, Cindy Delgado, John Collins, Bill Monroe, David Sonnenberg, Traci Takeuchi, Ken Braly, Don Dickerson, John Hanley, Ed Olsen, Sharon Spence, and Mary Edmund

○ *Announcements:*

- 2023 CERT Conference to be held in San Francisco at Hyatt Regency, Burlingame, CA
 - June 29-Jul 1
 - Pre-conference training June 26-28
 - Registration \$550 fee additional \$150 for pre-conference training
 - Detailed information attached
- 2022 National CERT Conference Webinar Series announcement attached

○ *Move to Live Oak*

- Moved about 1/3 of items from Aptos shed to convex ciner at Central Fire, Live Oak. -- Includes activation bins
- Large amount supplies and equipment at JoMarie's garage at Ben Lomond
- Committee to organize JoMarie, Joyce, and Mary

● *Recent Activations*

- Issued evacuation orders
 - Whitehouse Canyon (near Big Basin)
 - Team made up of CERT, ARES ,and Equine Evacuation
 - Helped 2 families get Red Cross housing support
- Santa Cruz Pacific Civic Center –Shelter Jan 4-7
 - Provided site preparation, registration, help with shelter operations and distributing supplies, clean-up and shut down operations
 - Mostly unhoused individuals
 - Catherine Green provided informative presentation outlining the activation

○ *2023 Training and Exercise schedule*

- April -- all-County Communication Exercise
- April – Traffic Management Course (Zoom and hands-on)
- August – All-County Training Exercise – Simulation of activation to include OR3, Fire, and Law
 - Training on deploying, using weather radio, include option for power failure, and calls for alert, stand-by and activation
 - Exploring option for CERTs to respond if not available. JoMarie will research possibilities for inclusion with Text'em All with activation messaging

- *Continuing Education*
 - FEMA IS 200 is now a requirement with IS 100. The classes have been redone and in order to understand the tactical side of Incident Command System (ICS) IS 200 is necessary.
 - IS 700 remains recommended
 - Continuing Education Courses with group review of IS100, 200, and 700 are being planned with individuals bringing their own computer and following along with a presenter. At the end of the review each person will independently take FEMA's final test. The workshop will be announced on the website and in a batch email.

- *Reports/Ongoing Discussion:*
 - Mapping – Rosemary Anderson, Dan Selling and Paul Garcia, GIS will provide more information and outline the process to the WG.
 - Levels of Participation – Approved after discussion of the Good Samaritan Law to the Good Samaritan language and advanced Training. Final document attached.
 - Strategic Plan – Tabled to February's WG meeting because of time constraints.

- *Staff Round Table:*
 - Deputy, Rosemary Anderson
 - Planning a meeting with Watsonville Chief, Rudy Lopez and Tom Avila to identify ways to increase participants and CERT involvement.
 - Training, Joyce Smith
 - A full class scheduled for January- February. *Still need instructors for many of the classes.*
 - Check out the new Conex storage area, discuss the best way to use the space for Basic Training classes, do a dry run off the set-up, and get an introduction to the new solar power generators. All this on **Sunday, Jan 22, 10-1pm** at Central Fire Station 930 17th Ave, Live Oak. *Email Joyce at basictraining831cert@gmail.com and let her know if you may be available.*
 - Logistics, Don Dickerson
 - Move from Aptos to Live Oak is complete.
 - Safety, John Hanley
 - Kudos to CERT Staff for wearing masks at the Pacific Civic Center during activation. No update on the new variant and County COVID numbers are looking good.
 - Webmaster, Ken Braly
 - Will post activation photos on website a, as well as, CERT National Conference information.

- *Additional Items*
 - Text'em All still has an hour delay in notifying CERTs during the past activations. Working with Text'em All in decreasing the time line to a few minutes.

- *Team Leaders made reports of activity.*

Next meeting – February 11, 2023 10-noon on zoom.