

CERT Auxiliary Working Group
Summary

[Saturday, February 11, 2023](#)

David Sonnenberg, Catherine L. Green, Sharon Spence, Dan Selling, Roberta Joiner, Liz Taylor-Selling, Chris Jong, John Hanley, Joyce Smith, Dawn Mackey, Jo Marie Faulkerson, Ken Braly, Bill Monroe, Susan Marx, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome & Announcements
 - 2023 National CERT Conference –
 - Pre-conference June 26-28 and Main Conference June 29-July 1
 - If interested in making presentations request application from certauxiliary@gmail.com
 - One full scholarship (room and registration) available -- please submit interest to certauxiliary@gmail.com by **February 28**. Of those interested a drawing will determine recipient
 - Mike Demars - CERT Fire Manager, Central Fire
 - He has a long history with CERT -- a meeting is planned for Central Fire Team Leaders -- details available soon
- New Issues
 - Wharf to Wharf – July 23; planning traffic mgmt. in April. A presence is needed because of the number of participants -- at request of Central Fire
 - Revision of CERT SOP/Activation Guide, pulling activation piece out of SOP and creating as a single sheet for use for agencies requesting CERT activation.
 - Use the 201as checklist for information needed for activation prior to initiating call out.
 - Need for Team Leader Meeting with all the changes happening and leaders should be aware and on the same page. Request Team Leader to spearhead this and future meetings with assist from Planning
 - IS100/200 combined course (March 4, Live Oak, 10-2) Presenters: Jo Marie Faulkerson and Mary Edmund. Experient to see if by doing as a group helps with completion and better understanding of ICS. If successful more ICS classes to follow.
- Reports/Ongoing Discussion
 - Mapping
 - Backpack Items
 - Communication Exercise - April-pre planning
 - Traffic Course -- April
 - Strategic Plan
 - All-County Exercise -- August, Practice activation from all sides
- Staff Round Table

Deputy - Rosemary Anderson

After a meeting with Watsonville Fire Chief Rudy Lopez, Division Chief, Tom Avilla, and CERT Auxiliary reps Rosemary Anderson and Mary Edmund there was agreement Watsonville will engage with the CERT Program and assist by providing classroom space for CERT Basic Training and a CERT Fire Manager for the

Watsonville Team. Classes will begin when the logistics are worked out and there is time for adequate promotion. Rosemary is to be commended for her persistence in getting the meeting together and her advocacy of CERT in Watsonville.

- Training- Joyce Smith
 - CERT Basic, New course design 2 Saturdays March 18 and 25th, one Sunday, Apr. 2. Course at Live Oak
 - Continuing Education: Stop the Bleed classes one a month, Disaster child psychology, Portable Solar Batteries, Zoom training from Santa Clara County on Working with Unsheltered People on the Website under additional trainings.
- Operations – Bill Monroe
 - Last activation went well, inter-agency worked, meeting all the DSWs was great, but a lot of on-site training, GFIs tripped, some shifts not covered; No consistent County presence. Be aware when activated, County employees may not be trained.
- Logistics -JoMarie Faulkerson
 - Text-em All application times shortened, recognized as non-spam. Splitting up teams in possible group templates in development
- Planning- Dawn Mackey
 - John Collins prepared a power point presentation with timed quiz on component of County CERT Program and how it is activated. Draft will be out for comment soon
- Safety -John Hanley.
 - COVID Vaccine Policy questioned since schools no longer require it. At this time, no change in policy is recommended. ARES policy is different from CERT. Meeting schedule to plan to have consistency with both agencies.
- Additional Items –
 - Active shooter, no information currently from organizer
- Team Leader Reports followed