

# CERT Auxiliary Working Group

## *Summary*

*Saturday, Sep 9, 2023*

In attendance: Ken Braly, Sharon Spence, Susan Marx, Joyce Smith, Liz Taylor-Selling, John Hanley, Dan Selling, Dawn Mackey, JoMarie Faulkerson, LizAnne Jensen, Chris Jong, Cindy Delgado, Roberta Joiner, Bill Monroe, and Mary Edmund

### ▪ Welcome & Announcements:

- Health Fair Cabrillo College Sep 26 / 27 looking for help with tabling and promoting the CERT Basic training courses
  - Aptos — Tuesday, Sep 26 10:30-1:30 - free lunch
  - Watsonville — Wednesday, Sep 27 9-1:30 - free breakfast
  - Will provide parking passes
- Zoom meeting site Log-in: [certleaders831@gmail.com](mailto:certleaders831@gmail.com) password: Leaders1
  - Site For Team Leaders and Staff use funded by Auxiliary
  - First time use requires sign-in with [certauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com) but after that you have easy access

### ▪ New issues:

- All-County Exercise Sep 30 at Central Fire's Live Oak Station at 930 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Santa Cruz 1-6pm
  - Command Post and Treatment Area Set-up, Triage, Communications, Extracting and moving survivors, Head to Toe exams
  - Pizza Party following
  - Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2023drill#/>
- Team Leader Liaison
  - Draft format for new positions reviewed with group, check in with Team Leaders, offer training and community support ideas, seek issues, WG agenda items
    - North County — John Collins
    - South County — LizAnne Jensen
  - LizAnne to send out draft report for review at Team Leader Meeting in November
- Strategic Plan 2024-2026 attached was discussed

### ▪ Reports/Ongoing Discussion:

- Mapping -- Survey 1-2-3 Application waiting on testing through OR3
- Team Leader Meeting scheduled for November 11 at EOC from 10-1pm
  - Liz Taylor-Selling to organize event – hybrid meeting
- CERT Calendar working to consolidate one with activities and training — Ken looking at various calendar applications for purchase which offer more options than current one
- Traffic Course still working will schedule in 2024

### ▪ Team Leader Reports

- *Felton Area* - Liz Taylor-Selling: promoting all-County exercise and preparing for Halloween community events
- *Bonny Doon* - Dawn Mackey/LizAnne Jensen: Invite community for demonstration of necessary items to have in your car to prepare for winter months in the mountains — later put information on Facebook
- *City of Santa Cruz* - Chris Jong: Aug tabling at Hyland Senior Center

- *Boulder Creek* - Bill Monroe: changing drill to in-person every quarter — in October plan Team BBQ — working on Halloween event with Hwy 9 crossing at two locations to offer trick-or-treaters safe crossing
  - *La Selva Beach* – Susan Marx: plan Great Shake-Out event in October — discuss possible El Nino this winter — bake sale at La Selva Beach Holiday Sale on Nov 18
- Additional items
    - SLVEN Presentation “Fire Hazard Severity Zones” Tuesday, Sep 26, 7pm at Highlands Park Senior Center in Ben Lomond
- Staff Roundtable
    - BT Training – *Joyce Smith*: Current ongoing BT Course in Aptos, future classes scheduled for Watsonville, San Lorenzo Valley, and Santa Cruz — check out specifics on website “SantaCruzCountyCERT.org” training tab
    - Continuing Education: Last Resort – Sheltering in Place During a Wildfire — Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom — for CERTs and non-CERTs alike - Would you know what to do if a wildfire advances so quickly that you do not have time to get out or you’ve waited too late to evacuate, and the roads are blocked?  
  
*Stop the Bleed* — Sunday October 1, Saturday, November 4 from 10-noon at Central Fire Community Room, 930 – 17th Ave, Santa Cruz (Live Oak)  
  
*Incident Command System 100* — Saturday, September 23, 10-1 pm at Central Fire Community Room, 930 – 17th Ave, Santa Cruz (Live Oak) Students work together through IS100 on own computers and on large screen then take test independently
    - Safety Officer – *John Hanley*: new COVID variant vaccine should be available mid-September — reminder to also get Flu shot — talk to your doctor about efficacy of the RSV vaccine
    - Liaison Officer – *Cindy Delgado*: occupied with major project at University but now have more time to engage with CERT

# Proposed Strategic Plan for CERT 2024-2026

## Recruiting for Sustainability of CERT **Leadership**

- Basic Instructors
- Aux Command/General Staff
- Team Leader/Communications Backups
- Program Development: how to fund the aux. grant writing, etc. (Board of Directors)
- Outreach to Fire Districts, ARES, OR3, Law

## Build and Support **Teams**

- Update contact spreadsheet
- CERT calendar
- Team Leader expectation
- Monthly check in with liaison.
- Provide a "What's Next" page for team members
- Make sure teams have resources they need
- Schedule DSW training modules schedule
- Community events that support our mission
- Annual social event

## Develop **Community Outreach** for Disaster Preparedness

- Offer short public classes/workshops
- Set tabling goals
- Get more social media/newsletter content