

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

Saturday, October 14, 2023

In attendance: Ken Braly, Joyce Smith, Liz Taylor-Selling, Dan Selling, Dawn Mackey, JoMarie Faulkerson, LizAnne Jensen, Chris Jong, David Dean, Bob Fike, Catherine L. Green, Bill Monroe, and Mary Edmund

▪ Welcome & Announcements:

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- We welcome Amanda Gullings, new analyst at Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3) Amanda previously served as Director Emergency Services, UCSC
- CERT La Selva Beach Presentation “EL NINO Winter by NOAA Director of Climate Predicting Center, David DeWitt **Wed, Oct 19 at 7pm**. Contact laselvabeachcert@gmail.com for zoom link.

▪ New issues:

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- Reviewed Sheriff’s Office request for CERT assistance to perform door-to-door distribution of informational magnets and flyers regarding the scams that we are currently seeing. The target audience is elderly residents that are typically victims of these scams. CERTs are willing to help through tabling and similar activities. They are reluctant to do any door-to-door canvassing. Felt the subject matter was outside our mission of emergency services.
- Lengthy discussion regarding use of orange hats for CERT/Hams during activations to help identify communication staff. CERT uses different color vests to identify specific roles. Motion passed to place orange vests in command bins at Live Oak and Felton for distribution to CERT/Hams when activated. Additional dialogue centered on CERTs wearing hats other than those received in backpack after BT. All helmets are type 2 (force of impact is reduced from a blow to the top and side of the head). Use of helmets that are less than type 2 are contraindicated.

▪ Reports/Ongoing Discussion:

- All-County Exercise Sep 30 at Central Fire’s Live Oak Station — Command Post and Treatment Area Set-up, Triage, Communications, Extracting and moving survivors, Head to Toe exams
 - First mass casualty exercise
 - Learning for both staff and Team members
 - Thank AUX Staff for their time and effort to execute a successful exercise
- Team Leader Liaison

- North County — John Collins
- South County — LizAnne Jensen

- Mapping -- scSURF (formally Survey 1-2-3) Application waiting on testing through OR3
- Team Leader (TL) Meeting scheduled for **November 11 at EOC from 9-noon**
 - Liz Taylor-Selling to organize event – hybrid meeting
 - Agenda to include options for Team Leader Resource page on website and a possible TL discussion group
- CERT Calendar working to consolidate one with AUX activities, training and local events. Ken Braly identified calendar application 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 preparing for Halloween community events—met with Interim Chief Dan Walters
- *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
- *Boulder Creek* - Bill Monroe: changing drill to in-person every quarter — in October Team BBQ lightly attended— working on Halloween event with Hwy 9 crossing at two locations to offer trick-or-treaters safe crossing
- *Live Oak – David Dean* – Meetings have few attendees Co-Team Leader, David Sonnenberg resigned, looking for replacement
- *City of Santa Cruz* – Catherine L. Green — Tabled at Santa Cruz Fire’s open house

▪ Staff Roundtable

- BT Training – *Joyce Smith*: Current ongoing BT Course in Watsonville, San Lorenzo Valley starting on Thursday, Oct 19, and Santa Cruz in Jan ‘24 — check out specifics on website “SantaCruzCountyCERT.org” training tab

Stop the Bleed —, Saturday, November 4 from 10-noon at Central Fire Community Room, 930 – 17th Ave, Santa Cruz (Live Oak)

MURS Radio Basics — Saturday, Nov 4 from 2-4 pm at Central Fire Community Room, 930 – 17th Ave, Santa Cruz (Live Oak)