

# CERT Auxiliary Working Group

## *Minutes*

*Saturday, March 9, 2024*

In attendance: JoMarie Faulkerson, Roberta Joiner, Dan Selling, Shaidu Kiven, Liz Taylor-Selling, Ed Olsen, Bill Monroe, Ken Braly, Lila Jones, Chris Jong, Catherine L. Green, Doreen O'Donovan, David Dean, and Mary Edmund

### ▪ Welcome & Announcements:

- Lila Jones-- new Team Leader Loma Prieta email: LPcert.teamlead@gmail.com
- CERT Annual Conference — July in Washington DC

### ▪ New issues:

- Walk & Talk -- new application when canvassing neighborhoods allows reporting of specific issues, may be loaded on phone quickly
- 2023 Auxiliary Report (attached)

### ▪ Reports/Ongoing Discussion:

- Team Leader Meeting Report – **ACTION:** *Liz to send out minutes* – next meeting May 11, 9am -1pm at EOC
- Mapping – Doreen presented application mapping location of CERTs by Teams – discussion of use and application – issues of privacy and who may obtain information – need to adopt a privacy policy before use
- Identification of Advanced Training Graduates –CERTs who complete all 4 Advanced modules will be issued a new DSW badge with a yellow strip at the top with ADVANCED written on it – future qualifications will have 2, 3, 4 etc. inserted.
- Traffic Course Date – this summer – awaiting possible grant
- Privacy Policy – draft policy presented to group by Catherine and David -- need an opt out provisions **ACTION:** *David will send draft to WG members for their comments and suggestions* – David and Catherine

will present results next month for review and if possible, finalized

- Fillable Forms postponed– **ACTION:** *John, Catherine, and JoMarie to present*
- scSURF (SC Simple User Reporting Form) need policy/SOP between OR3 and CERT Auxiliary  
**ACTION:** *Mary will draft possible policy and coordinate with OR3 for presentation at next CERT Council Meeting results then to WG*
- **Team Leader Reports**
  - *Lila Jones, Loma Prieta* — CERT Basic Course scheduled for Apr/May half full, continue to recruit; working on advanced trainings to present to community to help with promotion of Basic and improve general knowledge
  - *David Dean, Live Oak/Soquel* — MURS radio review and practice at next meeting
  - *Liz Taylor-Selling, Felton Area* — Next meeting will have Diasterville tabletop exercise
  - *Bill Monroe, Boulder Creek* — meetings changed to quarterly schedule -- mentoring members to take over in 2026
  - *Catherine L.Green, City of Santa Cruz* — Looking to have social meeting as a group – 50% response from Team survey – will be reviewing GoBags
  - *Ed Olsen, Bonny Doon* — Largest meeting last month at 13, 2 new members – this month County will be providing a Narcan presentation and demonstration
- Additional items -- none
- Staff Roundtable
  - *JoMarie Faulkerson, Deputy, Logistics* — Still looking for someone to step-up as Logistics, Chief – Sheriff Office managed Active Shooter Exercise in planning stages – in different location than last year -- 6 day, 10 hours/day activation; Command staff activation process being streamlined in a cohesive manner

- *Roberta Joiner, Chief, Communications* — 31 CERTs attended Scotts Valley communications exercise last week – eliminating monthly communications meeting in favor of quarterly in-person events and if necessary, on zoom, hard to do radio training on zoom; working on a new program, “Ham Buddies”, where CERTs would shadow ARES member at their radio events – need to work out policy/SOP with ARES and CERT