

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Summary

Saturday, January 11, 2025

In attendance: Jo Marie Faulkerson, Lynn Gainey, David Dean, Jim Wason, Ken Braly, Doreen O'Donovan, Catherine L. Green, Joyce Smith, Roberta Joiner, Joey Young, Shaidu Kiven, Liz Taylor Selling, Dan Selling, Cindy Delgado, Liz Taylor-Selling, Dan Selling, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome & Announcements:
 - Felton and Ben Lomond Fire now under command of Stacie Brownlee
 - ARES Winter Field Day January 25, 10-2pm, Posse House on Paul Sweet Road, taco lunch — for more info contact Jim — jim@wason.us

- New Issues:
 - Google Work Space — adopting new platform for documents — more to follow
 - Spanish CERT Basic Training in Pajaro in March — interested in helping, contact Mary — medmund4@gmail.com
 - ARES Summer Field Day, June 28 for CERT — Roberta and JoMarie to lead developing exercise for CERT participation
 - If discover incorrect street names on County evacuation routes, report to CERT Fire Manager and they will request correction through Fire channels.

- Reports/Ongoing Discussion
 - Trainings
 - Basic Training starts January 14 in Santa Cruz
 - Utility Safety Thursday, February 13, 7-9:30 pm Live Oak Fire Station
 - Cyber Security TBA
 - qCERT Walk & Talk Alert canceled in December based on weather predictions which underestimated eventual conditions. During a Holiday OR3 will proceed with CERT alerts based on side of caution for community.
 - Team Leader Meeting replaces WG Meeting for Saturday, February 8 at EOC

- Team Leader Reports
 - *David Dean, Live Oak/Soquel* — reviewed GO Bags contents, and refreshing expendable items
 - *Catherine L. Green, City of Santa Cruz* — collapse of wharf superseded plans
 - *Doreen O'Donovan, Aptos/Capitola/La Selva*
Next meeting will review GO Bags — sent out newsletter with summary of Continuing Education and how to help residents affected by LA Fires (Attached)

- Additional Items:
 - MURS Training and review of CERT Communication Plan for non-CERTs Saturday, Feb 25 from 1-3pm at Mountain Community Resources, 6134 CA-9, limited to 25

- Staff Roundtable
 - *JoMarie Faulkerson, Operations and Logistics*
--Master list for inventory at all CERT equipment -- in Live Oak Container and Ben Lomond Annex will be moved to Google Wok Space
 - *Roberta Joiner, Communications*
--Planning CERT Communication Exercise for May/June timeframe
--Team Leader please contact her for Communication exercises within Teams —robertajoiner1155@gmail.com

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[Next Working Group Meeting Saturday, March 8, 2025](#)

Here is a list of several reputable organizations that are supporting recovery efforts in the Los Angeles area at this time. Thank you, Doreen!

Organizations supporting victims:

- Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)- <https://www.coreresponse.org/donate-emergency-response-fund/>
- American Red Cross- 1-800-RED-CROSS, text the word REDCROSS to 90999 or visit <http://redcross.org/>
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles- <https://unitedwayla.org/>
- Salvation Army- <https://social.salvationarmy.org/southern-california/wildfires-in-los-angeles/>

Organizations supporting firefighters:

- California Fire Foundation- <https://www.cafirefoundation.org/>
- Lost Angeles Fire Department Foundation- <https://supportlafd.org/>
- Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firefighters Fund- <https://www.wodff.org/>

Organizations helping animals:

- Pasadena Humane- <https://pasadenahumane.org/eaton-canyon-fire-update/>
- Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation- <https://lacountyanimals.org/>
- Los Angeles Animal Services- <https://www.laanimalservices.com/>