

## CERT Auxiliary Working Group

### *Summary*

*Saturday, March 14, 2026*

*In attendance: Lynn Gainey, Liz Taylor-Selling, Emily Morris, Chris Jong, Ken Braly, JoMarie Faulkerson, Mark Van Meter, Catherine L. Green, Shaidu Kiven, Dan Selling, Roberta Roberts, Lila Jones, Ruth Gantly and Mary Edmund*

- *Welcome & Announcements:*
  - Team Leaders will name CERTs selected to receive super backpacks at their Team Meetings instead of in the upcoming newsletter.
  - Scholarship of \$1000 available to attend Annual CERT Conference see <https://bit.ly/4lbv6D2> (flyer attached)
- *Old Business*
  - Refresher Training (Dangers in Paradise) Event – Committee ***lead by Mark with support by Lynn and Liz***. Mark announced the exercise will be at *Cabrillo College Watsonville Campus on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>* -- more details forthcoming. All CERTs save this date.
  - County-Wide Communication Exercise – April 7. 7PM
    - Testing link between the EOC and CERT Teams through Ham radio operators connecting with groups using MURS radios. Important for Team Leaders to make arrangement to participate -- Notify Roberta at <http://robertajoiner1155@gmail.com> with participation plans including name, community, email, phone, ham operator, name and call sign, and their MURS radio channels.
    - Team Leaders include Firewise and Communication Networks training in their area
    - Reminder Texts to Team Leaders will be ***sent out from 10-14 days before by JoMarie***
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- Reports/Ongoing Discussion: *a*
  - Basic
    - Loma Pieta starting May 5 – new format -- 2 Tuesday evenings and 2 Saturdays -- allows all medical training in one session on the first Saturday -- rest of curriculum the same – finishes in 3 weeks.
  - Continuing Education — *John Collins, Manager* –Training
    - Module 2 -- Tuesday April 7, Live Oak, 7-9pm
    - Possible exercise at Live Oak in Spring – Need date
    - Sherrif's Hints on Interfacing with the Public --working
    - Stop the Bleed, April 25 10am, Live Oak
    - *If FEMA operational IS 200, April 25 -- Live Oak from 1-4pm*

- Triage Game —(*In use March, April, and July*) Team contact Mary at <http://certauxiliary@gmail.com>
- Traffic & Crowd Management Course –working
- Team Leader Reports
  - *Catherine L. Green*, City of Santa Cruz – Plans for Triage Game for meeting this month. Announced City of Santa Cruz National Night Out planned for August 4. An annual community-building event held on the first Tuesday in August throughout SC County. Catherine is on the planning committee and plans CERT Tabling.
  - *Liz Taylor-Selling*, Felton — Discussed upcoming events in May, Memorial Day Parade and 2 tabling events — Also will hold MURS radio classes.
  - *Emily Morris*, Boulder Creek plans a Pre-Disasterville training to review this month and the Diasaterville Training next month. Will send Roberta information for Communication Exercise for April 7.
  - *Lila Jones*, Loma Prieta — Will distribute info on April 7 Comm exercise at the Team Meeting tomorrow. Elementary School Disaster preparation was successful included a firefighter on full turnout gear. Will send training to Mary to send out elementary school training information with WG Meeting summary.
- New Business
  - Update Survey 123
    - Jo Marie reminded CERTs to updates Walk and Talk and SC Surf. Recently updated applications are needed to reinstall the applications now and every few months. This makes sure the apps are ready when needed.
- Suggestions for Future Agenda — none
- Staff Roundtable — no further comments
- **NOTE:** Scholarship Flyer on next page

**NEXT MEETING Saturday, April 11 on zoom starting at 10am**

**CERT Working Group Meeting**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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*Attend the 2026 National CERT Conference in Irvine!*

California CERT members are invited to apply to receive a scholarship to cover registration costs to attend the National CERT Conference and up to 3 nights stay at the conference hotel.\*

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Any California-based CERT member
- Priority consideration given to applicants who:
  - Reside in counties of 600,000 people or fewer and/or
  - Identify specific accessibility, financial, or functional needs that create barriers to attending the conference
  - For full terms and conditions, please see the scholarship application

### HOW TO APPLY:

- Submit a scholarship application by May 1, 2026
  - Include a personal statement (500 words or fewer) describing your CERT involvement, your personal story, including explaining your financial need, barriers to attending, and how you will bring back what you learned of your community

**APPLY TODAY:**  
<https://bit.ly/4lbv6D2>

\*To qualify for hotel lodging expenses, awardee must live 55+ miles from Hyatt Regency Irvine



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