

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Summary

In attendance :Lynn Gainey, Catherine L. Green, Joyce Smith, JoMarie Faulkerson, Dan Selling, Ken Braly, David Dean, John Dill, Liz Taylor-Selling, Chris Jong, Ruth Gantly, Lila Jones, and Mary Edmund

○ Welcome & Announcements:

- National CERT Conference
 - Irvine, California at Hyatt Regency
 - Main Conference — August 27-29
 - Pre-Conference — August 24-26
- Disaster Preparedness Event, Saturday, June 6, 1-5, Aptos Grange
- IS 100/200 now available on FEMA website
- New Leaf envirotoken program —
 - vote for CERT Auxiliary
 - NewLeaf.com/vote
 - Every day for 4 local stores, as many emails as you have
- Beta Testers needed, UCSC augmented reality video game
 - May 9, 10, 16 and 17 — free pizza
 - China Town Bridge or Boardwalk —QR Code in newsletter
- *Note:* emergency blankets and triangular bandages are available free to Team Leaders for use at tabling events —contact Mary at certauxiliary@gmail.com

○ Old Business:

- Refresher Training (Dangers in Paradise) Event — Committee **lead by Mark with support by Lynn and Liz** to research ideas and report to group.
 - Watsonville, Cabrillo College campus
 - August 16
 - Progressing well
- ARES Communication Exercise planned for June 7th, 7pm
 - Enhance ARES communication should speed of messaging
- Crowd & Traffic Management Course
 - Highway Patrol with positive response
 - Tentative plans for Sep for 2 days with and Friday evening lecture at Live Oak and hands-on at Cabrillo College parking lot in 2 sessions (only need to attend one) morning and afternoon

○ Ongoing Training:

- Basic Training:
 - Summer break resume in August
 - Plan 3 more courses this year
- Continuing Education
 - Stop the Bleed, very popular
 - Class full with wait list
 - plan 2-3 more courses this year
 - IS 200, Sat, May 30, 1-4pm Live Oak
 - Advanced Training
 - Module 4 — Tuesday June 2, 6:30-9pm Live Oak
 - CPR/AED Training — Saturday, June 6, 10-2:30 Live Oak
 - Building Workplace Resilience, Thursday, July 9, 7-8:30pm Live Oak
 - Presenter — Ashli Strugill
 - Featured speaker at CERT Conference in June
 - Active Shooter, June 22-26
 - Wharf to Wharf, Sunday, July 26
 - Dangers in Paradise! Sunday, August 16 Cabrillo Watsonville Campus
 - Triage Game — Available to Team Leaders contact Mary at certauxiliary@gmail.com

- Team Leader Reports
 - *City of Santa Cruz, Catherine L. Green*—Got good response from last meeting (16 CERTs) amazing effect of pizza., broke into small teams, was useful and learned more than triage. Next meeting focusing on radio training before the June 7 ARES communication exercise. Working with City on Earthquake/Tsunami Event. Good to have CERT included with City staff for planning meetings.
 - *Live Oak/Soquel, David Deqn* —Meeting now hybrid with the use of Team Leader zoom, July meeting planning on using the Triage game, now notify CERTs of Team meeting at 2wks, 1wk, and 1day prior.
 - *Felton, Liz Taylor-Selling*—Gearing up for Felton Fire Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast, will be tabling for the traditional event with lots of local participants.
 - *Loma Prieta, Lila Jones*—Presentation to Firewise community on disaster preparedness, preparing for June BBQ for CERT tabling. Will investigate CERT classes being offered in Los Cumbres

- New Business
 - Possibility of video for website outlining contents of the Command, Medical, and Traffic bins in the Conex shed— Ken, JoMarie and Lynn will explore.

- Suggestions for Future Agenda Items — none

- Staff Roundtable:
 - Logistics, JoMarie Faulkerson — Instructor Meeting outlining use of Bullex preparation , use and breakdown this Saturday, May 13, 10-12 at Live Oak with lunch provided following at nearby restaurant.
 - *IT, Ken Braly and John Dill* —Working on new calendar software on website, more organized and clearer, thbe link to the new calendar page on the website :
<https://santacruzcountycert.org/staging/ics-calendar-test-20260505151135/>

MEETING NEXT MONTH Saturday, June 13 on zoom starting at 10am