

CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Summary

In attendance: JoMarie Faulkerson, Lynn Gainey, Catherine L. Green, Emily Morris, Dan Selling, Ken Braly, Liz Taylor-Selling, Doreen O'Donovan, Mark Van Meter, John Hanley, Shaidu Kiven, Chris Jong, and Mary Edmund

○ Welcome & Announcements:

- Sorry to report the illness of Bill Fidler, Felton Area CERT, from Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), and the death of Cap (Charles) Pinnel, ARES. They both will be missed.
- National CERT Conference
 - Irvine, California at Hyatt Regency
 - Main Conference — August 27-29
 - Pre-Conference — August 24-26
- ARES Communication Exercise
 - Very successful with 311 respondents
- Mylar blankets and triangular bandages are available free for use as giveaways' at tabling events —contact Mary at certauxiliury@gmail.com

○ Old Business:

- Refresher Training (Dangers in Paradise) Event —
 - Postponed until Spring due to low enrollment
 - Thanks to Mark, Lynn and Liz for their time and efforts
- Google Workspace planned for Instructor and Team Leader groups
 - Jo Marie leading initiative
 - Team Leaders will be receiving an email outlining the process including instructions for navigating profiles
 - Provides centralize email addresses and improved information management
- Annual review of CERT Activation Guide and SOP
 - Reviewed and approved with minor changes including adding info on community preparedness
 - Will now be a living document with changes as necessary instead of an annual review
 - Gap in information regarding Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers (SUV)
 - Doreen, Lynn and Mary will research other CERT Team policies, as well as the County and Red Cross, etc. Lynn will seek information at the Annual CERT Conference. They will provide a draft for WG consideration.
- Wharf to Wharf
 - 7 volunteers covered 4 miles of households; hard to find parking on Saturday
 - Issues with the Knock and Talk application currently being resolved by Jenny Garcia, GIS

○ Ongoing Training:

- Basic Training:
 - Resume teaching on Sep 13 with Weekend Warrior Course in Watsonville
 - October 8 — 6pm for evening start time in Live Oak
- Continuing Education
 - Advanced Training — Understanding the CERT Organizational Structure (Module 1) Tues, Sep 15, 6:30 - 8pm
 - Crowd & Traffic Management Course Sep 25/26
 - At Live Oak for evening lecture, and 2 hands-on sessions at Cabrillo College parking lot (only need to attend morning or afternoon session)
 - Earthquake! — Thurs, October 1, 6:30 — 8pm
 - Designed for Team Leaders and staff for presentation to Teams and public
 - All information shared in Google Drive
 - Stop the Bleed, — Sun, Oct 25, 10-noon at Live Oak
 - Triage Game — Available to Team Leaders contact Mary at

- Team Leader Reports
 - *City of Santa Cruz, Catherine L. Green, Chris Jong* — participated in Santa Cruz National Night Out (NNO); last meeting used disasterville game with MURS radio. City of Santa Cruz event “Race the Flame”. Oct 17. Offered to share her CERT/Jeopardy game with Team Leaders.
 - *Felton Area, Liz Taylor-Selling* — participated in NNO in Scotts Valley and Felton NNO. Had successful Triage training where CERTs had to rely on their knowledge and use their own resources
 - *Boulder Creek, Emily Morris* — no report for meetings scheduled quarterly
 - *Aptos, Doreen O’Donovan* — Pot Luck Meeting with the usual CERTs; offered to share her Jeopardy buttons with group.
 - *Live Oak, David Dean* — Played Triage game
- 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
 - John suggested continuing education presentation on what to expect from the upcoming El Niño weather event
 - Roberta to request support from Brian Garcia, National Weather Service
 - Digitalizing the triage game or games like Jeopardy etc.
- *Staff Roundtable*: no reports

MEETING NEXT MONTH [Saturday, September 12 on zoom starting at 10am](#)