CERT Auxiliary Working Group

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Summary

In attendance: Lynn Gainey, Catherine L. Green, JoMarie Faulkerson, Roberta Joiner, Joyce Smith, Dan Selling, Liz Taylor-Selling, Mark Van Meter, Ruth Gantly, Chris Jong, Sharon Naraghi, Emily Harris, Shaidu Kiven and Mary Edmund

- *Welcome & Announcements:*
  - Neighborhood Communication Preparedness Exercise planned for Sunday, October 4 at 7PM

- *Old Business:*

  Google Workspace planned for Instructor and Team Leader groups
  - Provides centralize email addresses and improved information management
  - Jo Marie leading initiative
  - Sent out instruction on setting up accounts to Team Leaders
  - Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers (SUV)
    - Prepare for discussion at Saturday, October 10 WG Meeting
    - Please review attached *DRAFT* SUV Policy document
    - FEMA IS 244 Course on Developing and Managing Volunteers
  - Possibility of video for website outlining contents of the Command, Medical, and Traffic bins in the Conex shed— Ken, JoMarie and Lynn will explore.

- *Ongoing Training:*
  - Basic Training:
    - Watsonville Weekend Warrior Course ends Sep 27
      - Having translation in Spanish simultaneously
    - Next BT starts in Live Oak on October 8
    - Currently planning a BT at Mount Hermon in January
  - Continuing Education
    - Advanced Training —Presenter John Collins
      - Module 1—Understanding the CERT Organizational Structure and Policies, Sep 15, 6:30 - 8 pm on ***ZOOM***
      - Module 2—Understanding your Role as DSW
        Oct 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Central Fire, Live Oak
    - Crowd & Traffic Management Course
      - Sep 25 an evening lecture at Live Oak and hands-on at Cabrillo College parking lot L on Sep 26 from 10-noon
      - Due to low registration 2nd session of hands-on training on Saturday, Sep 26 from 1-3pm canceled
    - Earthquakes and Shake Alert: A guide to Earthquake Early Warning
      - Thursday Oct 1, 6:30-8:30 at Live Oak
        - Presenter — Joyce Smith
        - Will provide presentation to attendees for their use
    - Stop the Bleed--Sunday, October 25, 10 - noon
    - FEMA IS 100, Sunday, October 25, 1- 4:30

- *Team Leader Reports*
  - *City of Santa Cruz, Catherine L. Green* — Doing presentation on access and functional needs, and tabling. Promoting city of SC --Race the Flames on Saturday, Oct 17. Work with JoMarie in setting up Paradise Park as a neighborhood Team
  - *Felton Area, Liz Taylor-Selling* — Preparing for Halloween Parade in downtown Felton; future tabling in Ben Lomond; MURS radio training Sunday, Oct 4
  - *Boulder Creek, Emily Morris*— No report for meetings held every quarter; 75% recertification rate

- *Paradis Park, Sharon Naraghi* –Sharon agreed to assume role as Team Leader; recently held MURS training supported by Roberta and JoMarie.

- *Note:* emergency blankets, triangular bandages and disaster preparedness packs are available free for use at tabling events —contact Mary at *certauxiliary@gmail.com*

- Triage Game — Available to Team Leaders contact Mary at *certauxiliary@gmail.com*

- *New Business*
  - OR3 and Sherriff's Office requested Knock & Talk flood preparedness activation
    - September 26 through October 30
    - *Team Leaders* are asked to spearhead local areas; need to collect dates of planning operation by **Tuesday, Sep 15** to finalize the Signup Genius.
      - Felton Grove
      - Capitola/Esplanade beach front residents and businesses
      - Rio Del Mar /Beach Flats
      - Soquel
      - Paradise Park
      - Interlaken/College Road
      - Pajaro Dunes
      - Tannery Area
      - Beach Flats (City SC)
    - Distributing new evacuation hand tags for residents to place on front door knob if evacuated to let law know no one is there and provide enhanced security of area; additionally providing flood information and resources.
  - Report out on CERT National Conference
    - Emphasis on volunteer engagement techniques and flood awareness strategies
      - "What's out Disaster Aptitude" program from Marin County; helps people learn safety apps.

- *Suggestions for Future Agenda Items*
  - Retention of volunteers

- *Staff Roundtable:*
  - *Communications, Roberta* —Provided update on the development of communication app for emergency preparedness. Next step finalizing MURS channel assignments and area boundaries.
  - *Operations, Mark* – Briefed on Emergency Management Council (EMC) Meeting; County to submit proposed 10 million dollar grant to create a Watsonville Community Resource Center (proposed 250K CERT involvement over 6 years); Upcoming weather briefing, Brian Garcia, on El Nino predictions.

MEETING NEXT MONTH Saturday, Oct 10 on zoom starting at 10am