

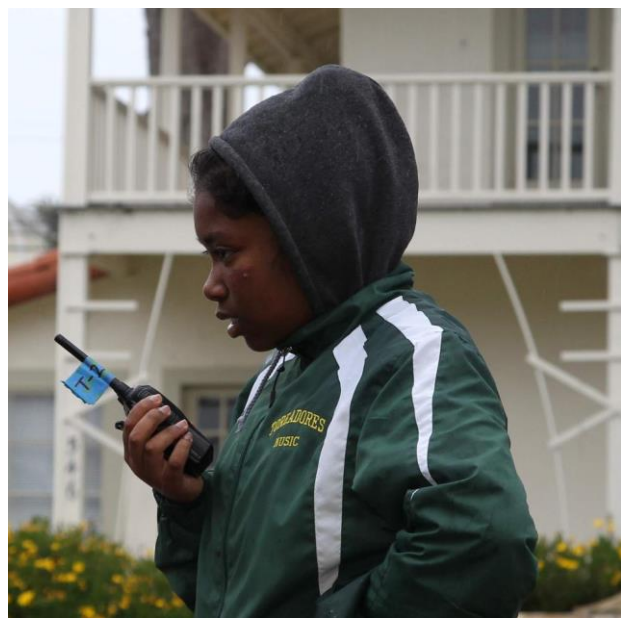
# CERT NEWSLETTER

April 2018, *“Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM”*. A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!



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**47 Complete March CERT Class!** Our March CERT class saw 47 residents from a wide cross section of the Peninsula complete the three days of FEMA CERT training. **Among this group were 15 J-ROTC teenagers from Monterey High School.** With the students who completed the CERT class last September, there are now over 30 trained, very motivated teen CERT members at the school. There is no comparable “Teen CERT” program anywhere in the Monterey Bay Region. **Monterey continues to be the leading regional training entity in this area for the FEMA CERT program. Citizens from all over the Peninsula participate in the Monterey CERT program!**



**CERT Students In Action At The March Training**



**Our newest Monterey High Teen CERT Members with J-ROTC Chief John Mastrangelo**  
*Photos courtesy CERT member Thor Rasmussen*

## **Monterey CERT Partnering With Cal-Fire To Instruct**

**Classes.** Monterey CERT is cooperating jointly with Cal-Fire Captain John Spooner to assist each other in instructing FEMA CERT classes. Captain Spooner assisted with all three days of the February-March classes. His extensive fire service experience, combined with his FEMA CERT Instructor Certification make him an asset to all Peninsula residents. Monterey CERT Instructors will be available to assist with classes taught in the Cal-Fire response areas.

**Montereycert.org Website Fully Updated!** After being seriously out of date for a long time, the [montereycert.org](http://montereycert.org) website has been fully updated. Our sincerest thanks to CERT members **Alexandra Albin and Larry Molmud** for volunteering their services to update the site. This was no small task and we owe a debt of gratitude to Alexandra and Larry for their commitment, service, time and efforts. Thanks also to Les Jackson in the City Information Services Department.

## **Contact Your CERT Zone Captain To See Your**

**Neighborhood Container.** Consult the list at the end of this newsletter to contact your CERT Zone Captain about seeing your neighborhood container. Located at eleven locations, plus the high school, the containers serve as equipment caches and Staging Areas for local members to assemble, get equipment and go into the neighborhoods to do the “*The Most Good For the Most People ...*”

**Perhaps The Most Important Part Of Your Home Preparedness Plan Is Operating Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors AND A Home Fire Escape Plan!**

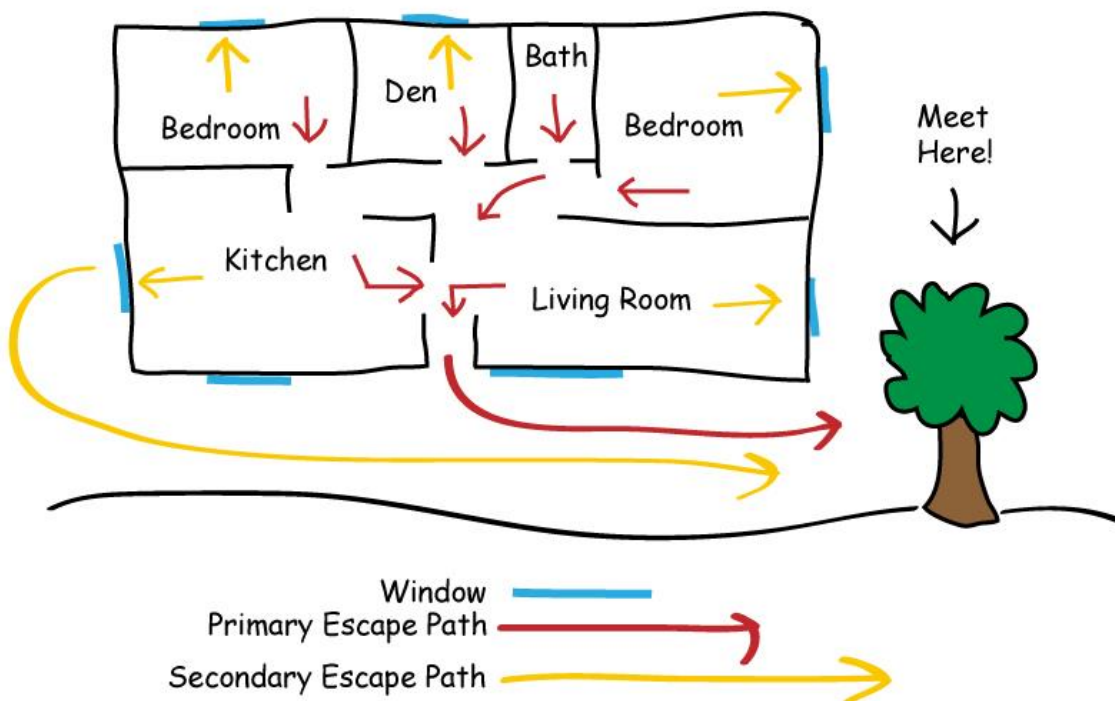
## **Test Smoke Alarms & Have A Home Fire Escape Plan!**

A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. Take care of the alarm according to its instructions.

Follow these tips from the [U.S. Fire Administration](http://www.fema.gov):

- **Smoke alarm powered by a nine-volt battery:** Test the alarm each month. Replace the batteries every year. Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- **Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium battery:** Test the alarm each month. Since you cannot replace the lithium battery, replace the entire smoke alarm according to the alarm instructions.
- **Smoke alarm hardwired into your home's electrical system:** Test the alarm each month. Replace the backup battery every year. Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.

Sit down with your family, draw a diagram of your home and **PRACTICE** your home fire escape plan. Have escape ladders for second story areas of your home. Have combination smoke carbon monoxide detectors on every floor and in every room where someone sleeps!



**An American family of four that died in Mexico was exposed to carbon monoxide. When you travel, take a detector with you and deploy it in your hotel room, vacation home or condo!**

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Key: CRML Carmel CONA Casanova/Oak Knoll DMB Del Monte Beach FH Foothill MV Monte Vista  
NM New Monterey OG Oak Grove OT Old Town PG Pacific Gove DV Dela Vina SL Skyline

If you live along the Monterey/Salinas Highway, contact Foothill. For those living in Seaside, Marine, Fort Ord or areas north, contact Dela Vina. If you live in Pebble Beach and use the Carmel Hill Gates, contact Skyline. If you live in Pebble Beach and use the PG gates, contact Pacific Grove.

**Questions? Email Monterey CERT at: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)**



**Have Escape Ladders In Second Story Areas**