



MONTEREY CERT NEWS

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MONTEREY CERT OFFERS BASIC TRAINING

Pass the word that CERT basic training is being offered in its 3-day format

Feb 11, 18, 19 (Sat, Sat, Sun)

to all Peninsula residents

8:30am – 4pm

To register, email montereycert@hotmail.com

or leave a message 646-3416

If you'd like to audit the class, you're welcome.

NOTE: We need some 'victims' on Sunday Feb 19. If you can give a couple of hours, please email above.

TWO TRAININGS IN MARCH

» Fire Capt Art Webb will be teaching the class: **First Responder Awareness**. CERT members will learn how to recognize Haz Mat in its many forms and what to do about it. A certificate is awarded to all who complete this training. (Class limited to 30)

Saturday, March 10 8am-Noon Monterey EOC

» Dr. James Betts, Oakland ER physician, will be talking about "Aftermath of the Cypress Superstructure Collapse." Loma Prieta earthquake – what injuries did they see? What to know about emergency medical.

Friday, March 16 7-9pm Monterey EOC

HELP! NEED LOGISTICS CHIEF!

Monterey CERT has 8 equipment storage locations (plus Fire Station 4 in Pacific Grove). We have an inventory of contents of each.

Logistics Chief manages tools & equipment and works with other CERT Advisory members to achieve overall CERT goals, including overseeing

- a fundraising and donations campaign to bring all of the storage locations up to parity
- helping CERTs order Tshirts, sweatshirts, jackets and other attire and equipment.

Interested? Contact Roger Reed 646-3900 or attend the next CERT Advisory meeting Mon Feb 6. Helpers welco.

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR NIP FUNDING

CERT Advisory Committee has nominated two capital projects for possible NIP (Neighborhood Improvement Program) funding in the next budget year:

- 1) Upgrade 3 CERT base radios & antennae to narrow band (to meet the 2013 federal mandate)
- 2) An addition to, or 24/7 access to the CERT base radio at, Casanova Oak Knoll Center (other than breaking a window)

CONTINUING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1) TRAIN THE TRAINER become a CERT instructor

March 3, 4, 10 (Sat, Sun, Sat)

8am-5pm

Seaside Community Center

220 Coe Avenue, Seaside

2) CERT PROGRAM MANAGER

Feb 28-29 (Tues, Wed)

8am-5pm

Monterey County Office of Emergency Services

1322 Natividad Rd, Salinas

Both trainings are offered by California Volunteers and Monterey County Office of Emergency Services at no charge to CERT graduates who are referred by their sponsoring agency (in our case, City of Monterey.)

→TRAIN THE TRAINER:

This course focuses on preparing instructors to:

1. Deliver the CERT Basic Training
2. Convey the messages and intent of the CERT Program (e.g., safety, teamwork, place in overall community emergency operations plan)
3. Assure that students achieve the objectives of the CERT Basic Training
4. Create a comfortable, yet managed learning environment.

→CERT PROGRAM MANAGER:

This course defines the core components of a local CERT program and focuses on effective practices for:

1. Developing local CERT program goals and a related strategic plan
2. Promoting local CERT programs
3. Orienting, managing and retaining CERT members
4. Recruiting, funding, managing, and retaining CERT trainers
5. Acquiring and managing program resources
6. Delivering and managing effective training and exercises
7. Developing policies and procedures for operating a local CERT program
8. Evaluating and sustaining the program

Seldom are these trainings offered in Monterey County. If you are at all interested, take advantage of this opportunity!

Registration Forms are attached and available on our website. Submit completed forms to Roger Reed, CERT Coordinator, for Monterey Fire Department referral.

MAP PROJECTS

Maps are an important tool for CERTs. There are two local projects that will make a difference.

1. City of Monterey Fire personnel are taking another look at Zone Assessment maps to define areas that can be viewed within a 90 minute time frame. A large wall map for each Zone and smaller 11x17 street maps for field teams are the goal. Likely complete this month.
2. Naval Postgraduate School personnel, working with CERT and City of Monterey, are developing electronic mapping applications that could be downloaded ahead of a disaster event that would help first responders. Using current technology, this project offers exciting potential.

CERT MANUAL NEARS COMPLETION

Monterey CERT will soon have a manual that explains who does what when and how it works. The main body of the document is almost done. Appendices are taking shape.

Very soon the Manual committee will send out copies for review and comment. We hope you'll take a little time to identify areas that could be clearer or point out if we've left something out. We want this to be a good resource for all CERTs and City staff.

Special thanks to Fire Capt Roger Reed, Sarah Blackstone, Sharon Dwight, Tricia Kopacz, Greg Netzorg, Lee Whitney and Heidi Zamzow for all their contributions to this effort.

NEW ZONE CAPTAIN FOR OAK GROVE

We welcome Brad Fendler as Zone Captain for Oak Grove, Glenwood and Alta Mesa. Anyone interested in being Zone Captain in Monterey Vista?

Box locations and Zone Captain phone numbers are listed below.

1. Foothill School 1500 Via Casoli
Bruce Mendenhall 649-3312
2. Casanova Oak Knoll Park 735 Ramona
Richard Ruccello 375-2340
3. Fire Station #3 401 Dela Vina
Sarah Blackstone 649-3050
4. Corporation Yard Pearl nr Camino Aguajito
Brad Fendler 375-1438
Lee Whitney (alt) 648-9417
5. Monte Vista School Park 251 Soledad Dr
Anne Washburn (alt) 373-4873
6. Van Buren (behind City Hall)
Thor Rasmussen 655-9999
7. Skyline Dr at Huckleberry
Dennis Duke 646-8432
8. Hilltop Park 871 Jessie
Sharon Dwight 375-0841
9. Pacific Grove Fire Station 600 Pine
Heidi Zamzow 373-6179

DO YOU NEED A CERT ID BADGE?

Photos will be taken at Monterey EOC over lunch hours of Sat **Feb 18** & Sun **Feb 19** for the current CERT class members. If you have completed CERT training and need an ID badge, come on down! Bring your vest and a smile.

CERT CALENDAR of EVENTS

Feb 6	Radio Committee	6-7pm	Monterey EOC
Feb 6	Fundraising Committee	6-7pm	Monterey EOC
Feb 6	CERT Advisory	7-9 pm	Monterey EOC
Feb 9	CERT Manual	7-9pm	Monterey EOC
Feb 11	CERT Basic Training	8:30-4pm	Monterey EOC
Feb 18	NERT to CERT	8:30-noon	Monterey EOC
Feb 19	Victims Needed	1-4pm	Monterey EOC
TBA	CERT Graduation		City Council Chambers
Mar 5	CERT Advisory		Monterey EOC
Mar 10	Haz Mat Training – Capt Webb		Monterey EOC
Mar 16	Emergency Medical – Dr Betts		Monterey EOC

ANY CHANGES?

Please keep us informed if you

- move
- get a new cell phone number or
- change your email address.

Your contact information is in the city's Esponder system. We want to be sure we can reach you in times of emergency.

HOW TO CONTACT US? SIGN UP FOR CLASS?

The next CERT training is February 11, 18, 19 – two Saturdays and a Sunday.

Email to register: MontereyCERT@hotmail.com or call 646-3416 to leave a message.

Thanks to Larry Molmud and Alex Albin, Monterey CERT has a website where you can find additional information about Monterey CERT. Your contributions are welcome.

Website: www.MontereyCERT.org

Find us on Facebook at 'Monterey CERT.' Select the 'Like' button to receive updates, post and participate in discussions.

We're on Twitter, too.

As you update your CERT backpack contents, remember to update your home, car and work kit, too.

TELL A FRIEND: REGISTER FOR THE NEXT CERT CLASS NOW! montereycert@hotmail.com