



# MONTEREY CERT NEWS

MAY 2011

## MAY ACTIVITIES PLANNED

**Mon May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monterey CERT Advisory Committee meets the First Monday each month 7pm in the EOC.

Roger Reed, our CERT Coordinator from Monterey Fire Department, has been creating a CERT Manual that spells out ICS (Incident Command Structure) job descriptions & responsibilities to help us be more effective. The draft is about ready for committee review.

**Mon May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monterey CERT Fundraising Committee meets just prior to CERT Advisory. Come at 6pm to help plan strategy. Social media plays a part.

**Sat May 7, Sat May 14, Sun May 15** CERT training is being offered in a two-weekend format. 8:30am – 4pm Saturdays. 8:30 to noonish Sunday. EOC **Volunteers needed Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you can help, email [MontereyCERT@hotmail.com](mailto:MontereyCERT@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Mon May 23** Traffic Safety class 6:30pm at EOC. Folks who were unable to take the Traffic Safety class at Pebble Beach CERT last month will be happy to learn that it's being offered again by Monterey CERT. Go to our website [www.montereycert.org](http://www.montereycert.org) to sign up for the class. Folks who want to take it again are welcome.

## WHAT DOES CERT ADVISORY DO?

- + We prepared a budget for FY2011/12 that has been approved.
- + Repairs are being made to the Fire Prop that is used for training with fire extinguishers. (Thank you, Greg Netzorg & Demetrius Kastros.)
- + A complete inventory of all CERT boxes has been prepared, so a list of needs can be finalized for fundraising purposes.
- + You can now order CERT clothing & supplies. Form at [www.montereycert.org](http://www.montereycert.org). Orders May 1<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- + Thanks to a PG&E grant, we've been able to purchase triage tags for training and each CERT box and a Rescue Randy mannequin for CERT class training.
- + A grant from California Volunteers provided helmets, vests & training manuals for 40 new trainees.
- + Additional laminated placards for CERT callouts are being made so each CERT Box will have 20 placards.
- + Tools and basic supplies are being ordered for 3 new CERT boxes (Monte Vista School Park, Spray Av Tot Lot and Van Buren) and Fire Station 4 (that serves Pacific Grove team), plus tools for Hilltop to replace what was stolen several years ago.

## CALL TO ACTION – CERT Helpers & Victims Needed

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 to Noonish at Monterey EOC

The May CERT class has its **simulation "final"** that day. We would like to rotate teams through 3 activity centers that morning and we need YOU...to be a victim or to help supervise.

There are 30 people registered. Can you help? Let us know at [MontereyCERT@hotmail.com](mailto:MontereyCERT@hotmail.com) or 646-3416.

It's a great refresher and the new CERTs get a chance to meet team members. It's fun, too.

## CERT CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 2	Mty CERT Fundraising	6-7pm	Monterey EOC
May 2	Monterey CERT Advisory	7pm	Monterey EOC
May 7,14,15	CERT Training	8:30-4	Monterey EOC
May 23	Traffic Safety Class	6:30pm	Monterey EOC
Jun 18	Quarterly Exercise	8:30am	Monterey EOC

## GROUP ORDERS NOW POSSIBLE

With the help of Monterey's Volunteer Coordinator, Monterey CERT is finally able to offer a way for CERT members to order equipment and supplies and realize the cost savings of quantity discounts.

An order form is included with this newsletter and it is also posted on our website, [www.montereycert.org](http://www.montereycert.org). Complete the form and mail it with a check to the address on the form.

Orders are planned for May 1<sup>st</sup> (assuming there is enough response) and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget uncertainty for the Volunteer Coordinator's office may affect later order dates.

## TSUNAMIS, EARTHQUAKES & EMERGENCY PLANS

Gary Greene, Professor Emeritus from MBARI, and Roger Reed, Monterey Fire Captain, spoke to 46 CERTs on April 16<sup>th</sup> about risk factors of earthquakes and silent tsunamis in Monterey Bay, flood zones and emergency plans that are in place.

Attendees learned about slumps (landslides beneath the Bay's surface) – past, present and likely future. There was time for teams to meet after the presentations to discuss neighborhood risks and possible strategies.

## CERT QUARTERLY DRILLS IN 2011:

Saturdays June 18<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Is there something you'd like to practice or learn about? Let us know. Details to be announced.

Want to help Monterey CERT raise money for Emergency supplies and equipment? Come to the next Fundraising Committee meeting

6 – 7 PM May 2<sup>nd</sup> EOC

## WHAT SHOULD YOUR BACKPACK CONTAIN?

FEMA and Monterey CERT have some ideas.

### Basic Requirements:

- CERT ID Badge (Photos May 14? at EOC)
- CERT Helmet & Vest
- Goggles & Leather Gloves
- Rubber or Latex gloves
- Dust mask
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Pen, graphite pencil
- Blank 3x5 cards (for messages via runners)
- CERT Field Operations Guide (and/or 3x5 NERT cards)
- Bottled Water & Non-perishable food (think Power Bars)
- Wear sturdy shoes & long pants

### Additional recommendations:

- Notebook (ideally, water impermeable)
- Lumber crayons (light & dark)
- Markers – Sharpies
- Whistle
- Duct tape
- Caution Tape & Triage Tape
- Crowbar
- Gas/Water Wrench
- Carabiner (D ring w/spring catch; use w/rope)
- Knife/Medical Scissors
- Hardhat lamp
- Light Stick
- Personal first aid kit/supplies, Sun Block
- Emergency Blanket
- Antiseptic hand cleaner
- Ear Plugs
- Poncho, Hat
- Cell phone

If you don't already have a backpack and are looking to buy one, there is a 16" backpack kit listed on the CERT Order Form that contains many of the items above.

## ALERT MONTEREY FOR CELL PHONE USERS

If you have a cell phone and would like to receive public safety and emergency messages that are focused on the geographic locations that matter to you, then sign up with [www.AlertMontereyCounty.org](http://www.AlertMontereyCounty.org). Reverse 9-1-1 contacts landlines in similar emergencies, but cell phones are only contacted if the owner registers.

## MONTEREY CERT IS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Look for us on Facebook – 'Monterey CERT'. Select the "Like" button to receive updates, post and participate in discussions. We are on Twitter, too.

## HOW TO CONTACT US? SIGN UP FOR CLASS?

Tell a neighbor, tell a friend.

Tips that could save a life....

Email to register: [MontereyCERT@hotmail.com](mailto:MontereyCERT@hotmail.com)

646-3416 messages

Website: [www.MontereyCERT.org](http://www.MontereyCERT.org)

## WHERE DO I REPORT? WHO'S TEAM CAPTAIN?

1. Foothill School  
Bruce Mendenhall 649-3312
2. Casanova Oak Knoll Park  
Richard Rucello 375-2340
3. Fire Station #3  
Sarah Blackstone 649-3050
4. Lake El Estero Corporation Yard  
Mike Dawson 646-8142
5. Monte Vista School Park  
Jon Sparks 646-8022
6. Van Buren (behind City Hall)  
Thor Rasmussen 655-9999
7. Skyline Dr at Huckleberry  
Dennis Duke 646-8432
8. Hilltop Park  
Sharon Dwight 375-0841
9. Pacific Grove Fire Station  
Heidi Zamzow 373-6179

## CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE WEB

1. PG&E Electrical Outage Map:  
[www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/energystatus/outagemap](http://www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/energystatus/outagemap)
2. Current Road Conditions: [www.dot.cagov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi](http://www.dot.cagov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi)
3. National Weather Service: [www.noaa.gov/](http://www.noaa.gov/)
4. US Geological Survey: [www.usgs.gov/](http://www.usgs.gov/)  
  
Gives natural hazard info: earthquakes, landslides, water data/stream flow, wildfires
5. The Weather Channel: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)  
  
(Free weather alert download)
6. Google Earth – 3D views  
<http://www.google.com/earth/imdex.html>
7. Local News: [www.ksbw.com](http://www.ksbw.com)
8. Traffic Incidents: [www.cad.chp.ca/gov/](http://www.cad.chp.ca/gov/)
9. Cal Fire: [www.fire.ca.gov/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/)
10. Federal Aviation Administration: Shows flight delays  
[www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp](http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp)
11. FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard>
12. State of California Department of Conservation:  
[http://www.Conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic\\_hazards](http://www.Conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards)
13. Monterey County Office of Emergency Services:  
<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/oes/>

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