

# CERT NEWSLETTER

July 2018 “*Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM*”. A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!  
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*Prepare as if your life depends upon it, because it does!*

**Yes, it happens here!** A devastating fire at the Seaside McDonald's during the early morning hours of June 5<sup>th</sup> brought emergency agencies from all over the County together in the control efforts. A CERT representative remained on scene in case we could help with firefighter re-hab, traffic control or downwind patrols.



*Photo By Demetrius Kastros*

**Training Refresher: Safe Operations At a Fire Scene.** CERT can be activated for many roles. If we encounter a fire during a disaster, or when requested to provide support at a fire scene (FEMA/CERT Firefighter Re-Hab), there are important safety protocols we follow.

1. If in a disaster environment, report the fire immediately to CERT Command or try 911 if not in radio communication with CERT. Never assume the fire has been reported.
2. Avoid the smoke/dangerous atmosphere. Be alert to changes in wind direction which will shift the direction of smoke travel.
3. Watch for dangers such as downed power lines, holes, ditches, etc. **Watch your step.**
4. Maintain a minimum 100' distance from the fire, more if you can actually feel the heat. Radiant heat can cause severe burns.
5. Isolate and deny entry to the area while maintaining a safe distance.
6. If victims are outside, but in a dangerous location, shout to them and instruct the victims to come to you, do not enter the danger zone.
7. Treat any burns by continuously flushing with cool, clean water. If using a garden hose, first flow the water coming out of the hose until it is cool to the touch. Water inside a hose in the sun can become hot very quickly. Call for emergency medical response.
8. Stay clear of fire department operations. Be alert to incoming helicopters and emergency ground units. **Wear your CERT protective clothing at all times!**



*McDonald's Fire, Seaside, CA June 2018 Photo By Demetrius Kastros*

**Next CERT Class For New Students In September.** Our next FEMA/CERT class for new students will start **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** and continue each **Thursday night through October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Class time each day will be 6:20 to 9:30 P.M. **Monterey CERT classes are free and open to everyone, regardless of where you live.** To enroll, send an e-mail to:

[training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)

**CERT Across America.** On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at an airshow at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, UT, I got this picture of a local CERT team on duty. They were there to provide any necessary assistance should an emergency occur requiring emergency medicine, rescue, crowd control, searches for missing children (*several small children became separated from their parents, a scary situation in a crowd of 30,000 spectators*) or other skills requiring trained emergency responders.





**The annual BBQ will be held at CONA Park at the end of Ramona Avenue, off North Fremont Street in Monterey. Date is August 18, 2018 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Full details will appear in the August CERT Newsletter.**

**Angel, the CERT & Rescue Dog Reminds you to have a buddy system in case you are not home. Ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals and evacuate them to a safe location if you're not at home.**



**Be prepared! Maintain home emergency supplies, hold regular smoke detector drills and know where your neighborhood CERT container is and be familiar with the contents. If it's been more than two years since you took CERT training, refresh your skills at the next final exercise October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 P.M. Staging is the EOC. Reply to this email to enroll: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)**

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

If you live in Seaside, Fort Ord, Marina or areas north along Highway 1, report to Dela Vina. If you live in Salinas or along the Monterey/Salinas Highway, report to Foothill. If you're in Pebble Beach and use the PG gate, report to Pacific Grove, if you use the Carmel Hill gate, report to Skyline. If you live South of Hwy. 1 & Carpenter Streets, report to Carmel.