

CERT NEWSLETTER

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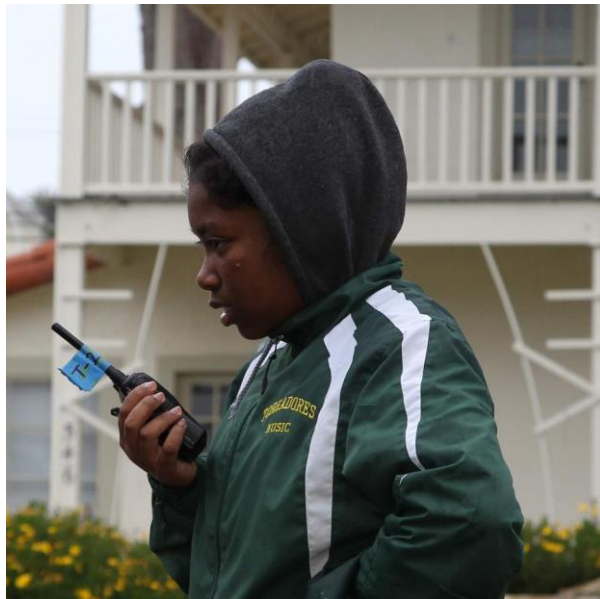


Prepare as if your life depends upon it, because it does!

Practice Your CERT Skills!

Refresh your skills at the next final exercise October 18th from 6:20-9:30 P.M. Staging is the EOC, where CERT classes occur. Practice your skills in emergency medicine, patient transport, use of the radios, neighborhood search, rescue and more!

Reply to this email to enroll: training@montereycert.org



Also, CERT radio drill October 8th. Scroll down for details.

Training Refresher: Encountering A Natural Gas Fire.



When encountering a natural gas fire, it is imperative that CERT members remain in a safe zone. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!!!** While our first impulse may be to attempt to extinguish a small natural gas fire, **doing so will only make the situation worse** by allowing the gas to spread and find another ignition source, then causing an explosion. **Natural gas is heavier than air and will travel along the ground.** The fire is consuming the gas.

CERT members should:

- Retreat to a safe distance (zone), 100 yards minimum for a line feeding a house, 1/2 mile for a ruptured gas main in the street.
- Report the incident to CERT command, requesting the fire department and PG&E immediately
- Isolate the perimeter of the safe zone with cones and/or yellow caution tape
- Request additional CERT members if necessary to safely isolate the area
- Use the MURS frequencies to remain in contact with other CERT teams working the incident. MURS are channels 11-15 in all CERT radios.
- DO NOT let the presence of victims in the danger zone alter your safety protocols.

P.G. CERT Team Receives Donations From **Yellow Brick Road and **The Pacific Grove Volunteer Fire Department Association!****

To help the P.G. CERT team fully equip their neighborhood Zone container, the Yellow Brick Road Foundation and the Pacific Grove Volunteer Firefighters Association have made generous contributions towards the overall goal of \$3,700. These contributions will go a long way to provide the P.G. CERT team with a generator, high quality back-boards, emergency supplies and vital radio equipment. The radio equipment lets the Zone Container Staff communicate effectively with CERT teams in the field. This is a critical link in assuring member safety. Back-boards provide an efficient method to move and transport injured persons. The generator will provide a vital source of power during a storm, diaster or other emergency in which normal power sources are down. The emergency supplies provide the necessary means to effectively treat injured members of our community.

We sincerely thank these fine Non-Profit organizations for their generous financial support to make Pacific Grove and the entire Peninsula better prepared to deal with a search for a missing person, emergency, storm or other diaster.

Future CERT Training Events:

- **Disaster Radio Drill:** October 8th at 1900 hrs. (7:00 P.M.)
 - If you wish to participate, but do not own a CERT radio, contact your Neighborhood Zone Captain to borrow one. **Scroll down for scenario.**
- **Practice your CERT skills, October 18th at 1815 hrs. (6:15 P.M.) Staging is the EOC.**
- **PG&E Safety Training**, presented by Senior PG&E Safety Trainer Steward Roth, February 9, 2019
- **CERT Class for new members, taught over three consecutive Saturdays: February 23rd, March 2 & March 9th**

Continue to monitor monthly newsletters for further details.

Disaster Radio Drill: October 8th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) on CERT Channel 3.

On Monday, October 8th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) Monterey CERT will be conducting an emergency radio exercise. Purpose is to strengthen our radio skills and **emergency reporting** during an emergency, storm or other disaster.

Scenario: A major seismic event has occurred in the Monterey Bay Area. All normal communications and alert systems are down, so CERT is self-activating, going on air with **channel 3** to get initial reports of damage in the neighborhoods from Zone Captains and individual CERT members with their own radios.

This exercise will simulate the minutes immediately following a sudden, unpredicted event when we will be making immediate reports to establish contact with CERT members in neighborhoods who are assessing their immediate needs and those of their family prior to making your way to your neighborhood CERT Zone Container.

CERT Command will activate on Channel 3 at 1900 hrs. We will be making a roll-call by Neighborhood Zone. Please provide a simulated report, related to your neighborhood with an address in your area. Examples are shown below.

- This is Linda in Skyline, we have a house on fire at 8 Huckleberry Court
- This is Susan in Seaside, we have a ruptured natural gas line in the 900 block of Harcourt Avenue
- This is Richard in CONA, we have major power lines down across North Fremont Street. The power lines appear to be live.
- This is Greg in Old Town, we have a house on fire at 435 Larkin Street
- This is Lee in Oak Grove, we have an explosion of an unknown type at MPC

Feel free to make-up your own reports, but please keep them disaster related.

REMEMBER: If you hear “Break-Break, Emergency Traffic”, please hold your report until the emergency traffic is transmitted.

Hurricane Florence Hits The Carolinas!



Hurricane Florence Drives Home The Need To Be Prepared

and to closely monitor AND heed alerts, warnings and evacuation orders.

Rescuers have a difficult time protecting life and property and their lives are further placed in danger when citizens do not evacuate in a timely manner and then call for help when they are in trouble that could have been avoided had those citizens used good common sense. **RULE NUMBER ONE!!!!!!:**

WHEN ADVISED TO EVACUATE, EVACUATE!!! Thousand of Carolina residents did NOT heed directions to evacuate. Many subsequently called for help when they got into trouble. Even IF rescuers could respond, not only are the civilians in jeopardy, but this needlessly places first-responders in danger.

**Members of the Carolina National Guard & Firefighters
rescue citizens & mitigate flooding during Florence
Citizen Soldiers & Firefighters, American Heroes!**

