

CERT NEWSLETTER

September 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!

39 CERT Members Complete Firefighter Rehabilitation

Training! Using the FEMA/CERT curriculum, created under National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, 39 CERT members completed the August 11th Firefighter Rehabilitation training. Firefighter Rehab establishes a location at an incident where firefighters can rest, hydrate, cool their body temperature and recover enough to safely re-enter the incident. These CERT members are now qualified to respond to incidents and provide this critical service to support Monterey firefighters, Police officers or other Peninsula area departments through mutual-aid. Monterey CERT is the only organization in Monterey County that provides full firefighter re-hab services. The CERT trailer is equipped with the materials necessary for FF Re-Hab.



Hans Uslar Appointed Monterey City Manager!

In a closed session Tuesday, July 31st, the Monterey City Council unanimously selected Hans Uslar as the next permanent city manager of Monterey. Hans, 59, served as acting and interim city manager after former City Manager Mike McCarthy resigned in December. Mr. Uslar became assistant city manager in 2014, providing a unique insight into City operations.



Mr. Uslar became assistant director of Plans and Public Works in 2008 and deputy city manager in charge of Plans and Public Works in 2012. **Hans has been very involved in the City Emergency Planning and response process and is a huge supporter of CERT! For several years, Mr. Uslar has coordinated past actual and drill activations of the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC).**

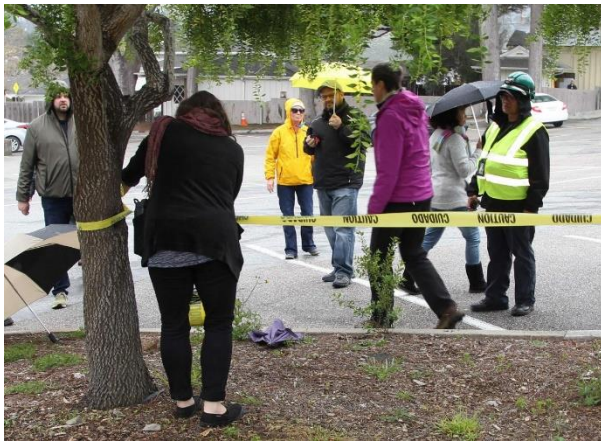
“I started working in Public Works and learning from the ground up what Public Works entails and Public Works in Monterey is a pretty large-scale operation and is complex in various funding sources,” he said. “That gave me a good jumping board to understand how we operate.

According to a press announcement from the city, the selection of Hans followed a rigorous recruitment process, conducted by Dave Morgan of Ralph Anderson and Associates, with many qualified candidates.

Practice Your CERT Skills!

If it's been more than two years since you took CERT training, 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. Refresh 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



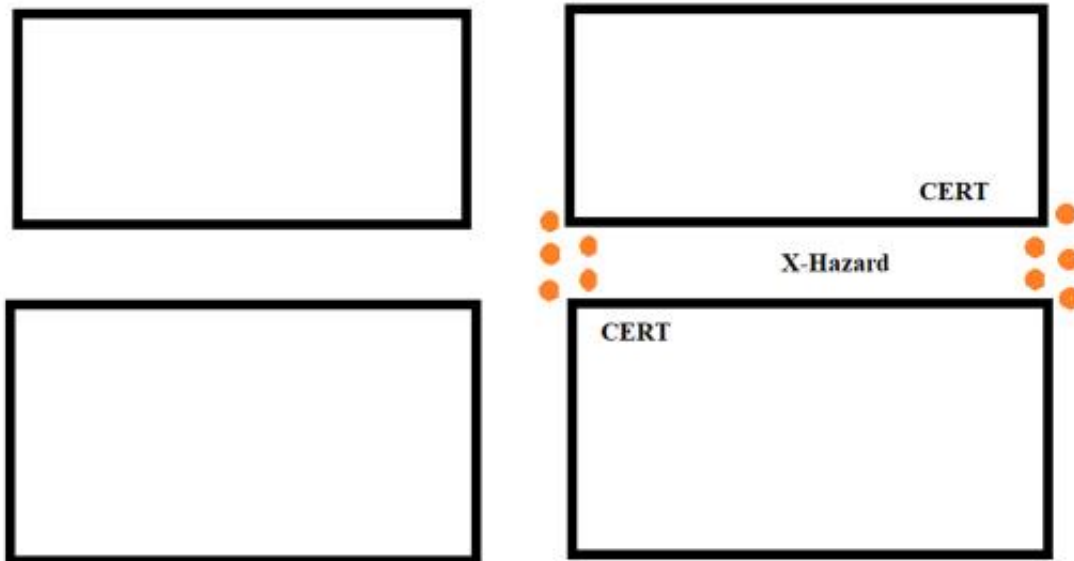
Photos courtesy of CERT member Thor Rasmussen

Training Refresher: CERT Traffic Management, Part 2.

When managing traffic, remember to ALWAYS remain in a safe zone!

CERT Traffic Control: Street Closings

Use Cones to Block Intersections, CERT Remains in Safe Zone



FEMA

CERT Traffic and Crowd
Management

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When closing a street, use intersections whenever possible.

This allows cars to be re-directed without the need to turn around in the middle of the street.

- CERT ALWAYS remains in the safe zone. Use the cones to block the street. Reinforce the closure with yellow caution tape to block sidewalks
- Stay in radio contact with the team at the other end of the street. Use the CERT MURS frequencies, channels 11-15 in all CERT radios
- NEVER approach a down wire, regardless of how it appears
- Shout to persons exiting houses to go back inside or avoid the hazard
- If someone questions who gave you authority to close the street, tell them Police ordered the closure and asked CERT to monitor the situation

CERT CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 6th



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program uses a FEMA curriculum to educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist their families and others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT also participates in searches for missing persons, serves as coastal spotters for persons swept out to sea, storm response and other emergencies.

Learn These Skills and Many More:

Emergency Medicine
Use of a fire extinguisher
Disaster Preparedness
Shutting your utilities
Rescue

Communications when phones fail
Assessing your home or workplace after an earthquake or storm
Use of the CERT radio system

All classes are taught in Monterey. **Anyone** may enroll by sending an e-mail of interest to: training@montereycert.org You will receive a confirmation with class details.

This class provides 24 hours of community service credit to High School Students!

The next CERT class begins Thursday, September 6, 2018 and continues each Thursday night through October 18th. Class time each day is 6:20-9:30 P.M.

Attendance at all seven sessions is necessary to complete the training and graduate. To enroll, send an email to: training@montereycert.org