

CERT NEWS LETTER

April 2015



CERT RESPONDS TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR MISSING 14 YEAR-OLD GIRL



Sophia Vevoda, 14

Sophia Vevoda, a 14 year old girl with severe autism was reported missing on Sunday March 29th at 9:30 P.M. near the intersection of David and Lighthouse Avenues in Monterey. CERT was alerted at 11:23 P.M. and requested to assist Monterey Police, Pacific Grove Police, Monterey Fire Department and Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SARS) in the search. 28 CERT members responded to Staging at the EOC and were then deployed to the Forward Command at the Circle K Gas Station at Hawthorne & David Avenues. CERT remained active in the search efforts until the child was located by a Monterey Police Officer at 5:00 A.M. Sophia was found along Highway 68 near the entrance to Monterey Airport. This incident underscores the need for a large search effort. The child was missing for nearly 8 hours and wandered several miles during that time. **OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO ALL CERT MEMBERS WHO RESPONDED AND ASSISTED IN THE SEARCH EFFORTS!**

TRAINING REFRESHER: USING A FIRE

EXTINGUISHER is a part of our CERT training but **ONLY** under very limited circumstances. CERT teams searching a building or neighborhood should have an extinguisher with them in case you encounter a small, confined fire, but we have certain safety rules:

1. **ALWAYS** consider evacuation and isolation as your first move
2. **DRY** Chemical is the only type of fire extinguisher you should have. A 5 pound extinguisher is the minimum size you should possess, with a hose and metal handles
3. **NEVER** enter a building for purposes of extinguishing a fire
4. **ONLY** attempt to extinguish a small, confined fire
5. **NEVER** let the fire get between you and your exits
6. **NEVER** extinguish burning natural gas as the fire is actually consuming the escaping gas. Evacuate and isolate the area. Report the fire to CERT Command.



Remember to PASS when using an extinguisher. Test your extinguisher first by discharging a small amount of powder. **Pull** the pin, **Aim** at the base of the fire, **Squeeze** the handles, **Sweep** the extinguishing material at the base of the fire. After 5 seconds, leave the area. **REMEMBER** that when you discharge a fire extinguisher, a large dust cloud develops quickly. This will dramatically affect your visibility, especially inside a structure. **MAKE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR ESCAPE ROUTE BEFORE DISCHARGING THE EXTINGUISHER!**

PRACTICE YOUR BASIC CERT SKILLS by attending the final exercise of the next CERT class. This occurs **April 16th in the EOC from 6:30-9:30 P.M.** We practice all our basic skills such as emergency medicine, triage, rescue, search and use of the CERT radios. Contact the instructors prior to the start of class.

CERT TO PARTICIPATE IN PACIFIC GROVE GOOD OLD DAYS, April 11th & 12th. If you would like to participate in the Pacific Grove Good Old Days celebration, please contact Pacific Grove CERT Team Leader Broeck Oder at: bnoder@gmail.com

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SUPPLEMENTAL CERT TRAINING is scheduled for May. The exercise will cover new equipment we've acquired. Exact date, location and time will be announced in the May newsletter.

REVIEW YOUR CERT STUDENT MANUAL: Here is the link to the online edition:

http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1839-25045-8729/pm_combined.pdf

CERT RADIO NET: SAFETY BEGINS WITH GOOD COMMUNICATIONS!

CERT Radio Net exercises occur the second Monday of each month at 8 P.M. on CERT channel 3. If you want to participate in the radio net, but don't have your own CERT radio, contact your team leader about borrowing one. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with our CERT radios and how they operate.

CONTACT YOUR TEAM LEADER: If you have not already done so, contact your team leader and meet them at your neighborhood CERT container. Make sure you know how to find the container and are familiar with the inventory.

REMEMBER: After an emergency such as an earthquake, storm or other potential disaster when all forms of communication are absent, when the power is out and telephones and cell phones don't work, secure your family, immediate neighbors and then, if you are able, report to your neighborhood CERT container. Using our radio system, CERT is the primary eyes and ears to the City on what's happening in the neighborhoods. We will form teams and proceed into the neighborhoods to *"DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE"* CERT provides an excellent video at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwV3e1XfIF0>

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