

CERT NEWS LETTER

September 2015



CERT Quarterly Drill Scheduled For November 14th. Please don't miss this Search & Rescue Exercise!

The next CERT Quarterly Drill has been scheduled. We have reserved the **Monterey Youth Center, 777 Pearl Street in Monterey (next to Dennis the Menace Park)** for a CERT Search and Rescue Drill. Everyone is an asset, regardless of your physical abilities!

The drill will occur on Saturday, November 14th, from 08:30 A.M. to 12 Noon.

We will be making a presentation on conducting a neighborhood grid search. After the presentation, we will send out CERT members into the Oak Grove neighborhood to search for "missing persons". A full communications and command system will be established.

CERT is much more than a disaster response force. With our numbers and communications system, we can provide a powerful presence in a search for missing persons, especially children. THERE WILL BE AN EVERBRIDGE ALERT ADVISING OF THE DRILL ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 14th AT 8 A.M.

NEW CERT CLASS: A CERT class is scheduled for new volunteers. This is our weekend series. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday September 19th, Saturday September 26th and Sunday September 27th. Class time each day is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We break for lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m. each day. Persons wishing to enroll can send an e-mail of interest to: montereycert@hotmail.com

For those members who need to make-up a missed module and graduate, the schedule of classes (modules) is shown below in this newsletter.

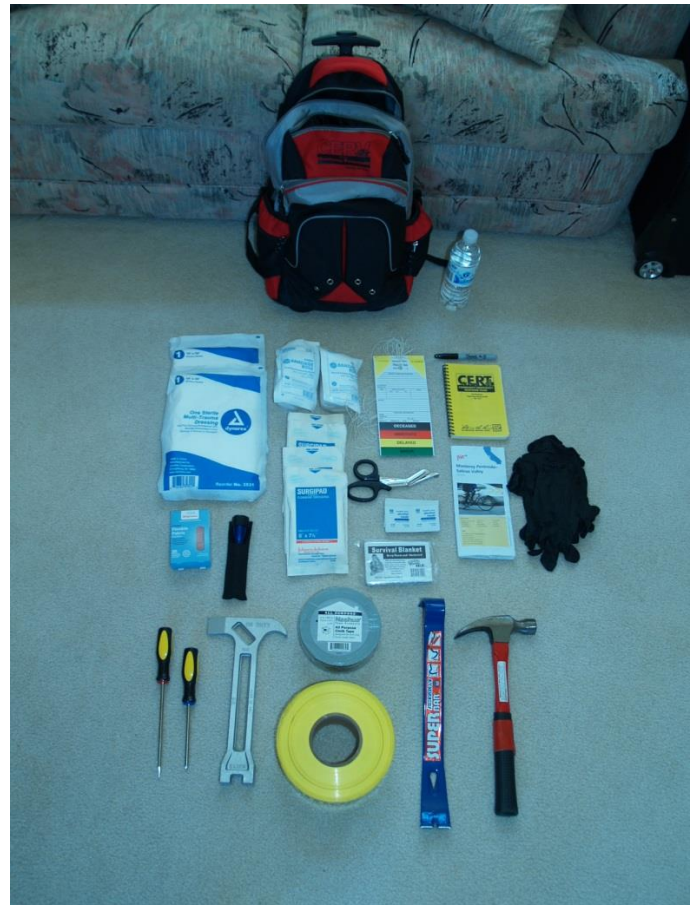
PRACTICE YOUR BASIC CERT SKILLS by attending the final exercise portion of the new class at the EOC on Sunday September 27th from 1-4:30 P.M. Practice first-aid, rescue, neighborhood search, radio use and more. **This is a great refresher!**

CERT HAS UTILITY PACKS IN OUR CONTAINERS. We have a lot of tools and equipment on shelves in our CERT containers. We created these packs, using existing inventory in the neighborhood containers that will allow a CERT team going into a neighborhood to quickly grab a pack that provides them with the materials for CERT "Initial Actions", consistent with what we teach in the CERT classes. Initial actions include providing first-aid, triage, controlling utilities, isolating a hazard, marking a building that has been searched, taping cracked windows, etc. Teams can call for additional materials using our radio system, or return to the CERT neighborhood container for other items. This makes for an easy to transport, usable "Initial Actions" kit. PICTURE IS BELOW. The packs have a handle and wheels, similar to a small suit-case, making for easy transport. **Thanks to the Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV), Sarah Blackstone and Harvey Pressman, for providing the packs.**

Each pack includes:

1. Back Pack
2. Bottle of Water
3. 2 Multi-Trauma Dressings
4. 2 Gauge Rolls
5. 10 Triage Tags
6. 1 CERT Field Operations Guide (FOG)
7. 1 Permanent Marker
8. Band-aids
9. 5 Surgipads
10. 1 Bandage Shears
11. 20 Alcohol Wipes
12. 1 Road Map of the Monterey Peninsula
13. 10 Rubber Gloves
14. 1 Straight Screwdriver
15. 1 Phillips Screwdriver
16. 1 Four-In-One Emergency Tool to shut gas & water meters
17. 1 50 Yard Roll of Duct Tape
18. 1 1000' Roll of Yellow Caution Tape
19. 1 Crow Bar
20. 1 Hammer
21. 1 Cardboard Leg Splint
22. 1 Cardboard Arm Splint

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STATION 3 CERT TEAM HAS NEW CO-CAPTAIN. CERT member **Nick Carter** (cnicke@yahoo.com) has assumed the role of Co-Captain for the Station 3 Team. Nick joins Sarah Blackstone in the Co-Captain role. Sarah has been CERT Team Leader for Station 3 for many years. Our thanks to Harvey Pressman for sharing the co-Captain role for the Station 3 team in the past.

Heavy Winter Storms are predicted. Here is a link for a Homeowners Guide for Flood Prevention and Response:

http://cosb.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/Water/HomeownersGuide_Final.pdf

SCHEDULE FOR MAKE-UP CLASSES: If you have previously attended CERT training, but missed some of the classes, here is the schedule to make-up any missed segments. The training will occur in the EOC, where previous classes have been held. If you are not sure which classes you missed, send me an email with the dates of when you originally attended CERT training and I will check the class records for you.

1. Introduction, Utility Control, Home Fire Escape Plan: Saturday September 19th 8:30-10:30
2. Emergency Medicine, Part 1: Saturday September 19th 10:30 to 2 P.M.
3. Emergency Medicine, Part 2: Saturday September 19th 2-4:30 P.M.
4. Fire Extinguishers, Disaster Psychology and Terrorism Saturday September 26th 8:30-12 noon P.M.
5. CERT Structure and Communications Saturday September 26th 1-4:30 P.M.
6. Search & Rescue Sunday September 27th 8:30-12 noon
7. Final Exercise Sunday September 27th 1-4:40 P.M.

CERT RADIO NET: Monday September 14th at 8:15 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. CERT is the direct link between Community officials and the neighborhoods in an emergency. Our radio system will survive and continue to operate when all other forms of communication, such as phones, radio and TV, fail.

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

http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1435858485564-e30064c404ba04d82bbcae7eac8bb2b/pm_combined_final_508_063015.pdf

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwV3e1XfIF0>

CERT TEAM LEADER LIST: **CONA**=Casanova Oak Knoll, **Crml**=Carmel, **DMB**=Del Monte Beach, **FH**=Foothill, **MV**=Monte Vista, **NM**=New Monterey, **OG**=Oak Grove, **OT**=Old Town, **PG**=Pacific Grove, **S3**=Station 3, **SL**=Skyline

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