

# CERT NEWSLETTER

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## Monterey Mourns The Passing Of Police Officer Amy Rodriguez



*....."Eternal Thanks, From A Grateful Community".....*

Amy Rogers Allen (Carrizosa) Rodriguez, 40, of Salinas lost her battle with cancer at 4:56 a.m. on April 4, in her home surrounded by her loved ones. Amy, the mother of three and a **veteran police officer of the Monterey Police Department** did not want her legacy to be her disease, but instead her love for life including her family, friends and the community. Amy was survived by her husband - Gerardo Rodriguez, married September 9, 2014, Children - Michael "Mac" Carrizosa (20), Trent Carrizosa (12), and Isabella Rodriguez (1), Parents- Andy and Pamela Losey Allen, Siblings - Alisha Allen, Scott Allen, Kirstin "Kristi" Jorgensen, and her brothers and sisters of the Monterey Police Department.

A Celebration of Life was held on April 23, 2016 at the Shoreline Community Church, 2500 Garden Rd., Monterey, CA.

**New CERT Class:** The next CERT class for new members will be our weekend series, occurring on **Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Time each day is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We break for lunch from 12-1. Attendance over all three days is necessary to complete the class and graduate. Classes occur in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) where previous classes have been taught.

**24 New Members Join Monterey CERT.** With the completion of the most recent class on April 21<sup>st</sup>, we have 24 new members who completed all their training and received their helmet, vest, back-pack and certificate of graduation.

**CERT is Experimenting With a New Email system.** We are experimenting with a new g-mail based email system. You received this newsletter on that e-mail. We apologize for any confusion while this transition is considered. For questions and/or comments, you can e-mail CERT at: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)

**CERT Trailer Is Nearly Ready For Deployment.** CERT members have been working hard to install a communications desk and console, plus store and secure the equipment inventory, similar to that of our neighborhood containers. The trailer will also have the same base radio together with a compliment of hand-held units. Also similar to our neighborhood containers, the trailer will have a roof mounted solar panel to keep the radio batteries fully charged. These features will allow us to quickly deploy the trailer where necessary and have a full rescue and communications capability immediately. **The trailer and inventory are fully funded by the taxpayers of the City of Monterey.**

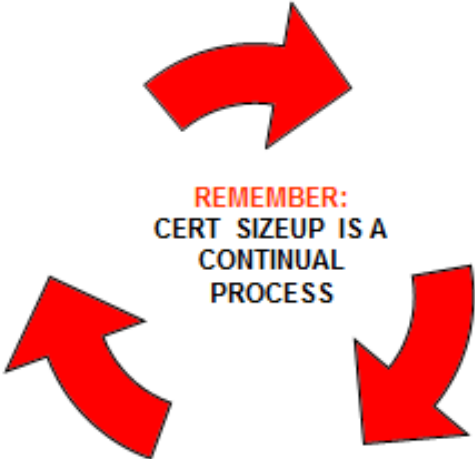


**Training Refresher: Conducting CERT Size-Up.** Size-up is the continual process of re-evaluating the facts of the situation to create and modify your plan.

## CERT Sizeup

1. Gather Facts
2. Assess Damage
  1. Lateral & Horizontal Lines Correct? Maybe enter
3. Consider Probabilities
4. Assess Your Situation
  1. Within CERT Scope of Practice
5. Establish Priorities
6. Make Decisions
7. Develop Plan of Action
  1. Safety of CERT Members #1 priority
8. Take Action
9. Evaluate Progress

**REMEMBER:**  
CERT SIZEUP IS A  
CONTINUAL  
PROCESS



FEMA 5-7 CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



If the lateral and horizontal lines of a damaged structure are correct, as in the left photo, CERT can consider entering the structure to rescue victims. We DO NOT enter a damaged structure to save property. If the lateral & horizontal lines are not correct, as in the right photo, we do NOT enter the structure. With victims in seriously damaged structures, call out to victims to self-extricate and secure utilities IF you can safely access the shut-offs. Call for professional responders and remain on scene until they arrive. Isolate the area with caution tape.

## Training Refresher: Conducting CERT Size-Up, Continued

- **ALWAYS** keep CERT Command advised of your location. When reporting an event, transmit “What is it, where is it, what do you need.” Make sure you communicate with CERT Command at least every 15 minutes.
- Always remain within your CERT “Scope of Practice”. If you learned it in a CERT class, that is your scope of practice. Otherwise, isolate the area and call for professional responders.
- If you need addition personnel and/or equipment, radio for it immediately.
- Make sure all team members know the “Plan of Action” before proceeding. This may be something simple, such as a discussion in which the team leader describes the plan, “We are going to search this block for potential victims, remain on walkways and knock on doors, calling out to offer help. Do not enter any structure until the entire team can assemble at your location.”
- **REMEMBER:** The team leader remains outside the collapse zone of structures with a radio. Collapse zone is 1.5 times the height of the structure.
- Any CERT team member may stop an activity if they have questions about the safety of the operation. If the issue cannot be resolved on site, call for professional responders.
- All wires are considered live and dangerous. Regardless type, ALL wires are treated as electrically charged. You NEVER know when something out of your view has energized a wire that is TV, telephone or a support cable. Isolate any wire that is down.
- Never approach a hazardous materials container. Hazardous materials may be releasing a fog or mist, bubbling on the ground, or emitting an odor. BUT remember that some poisons are NOT detectable by smell. If anything is stimulating your senses, treat it as hazardous and retreat a minimum of 100 yards for a 55 gallon drum or smaller. For a tanker truck, retreat a ¼ mile or more. These are MINIMUM distances. **Remember your rule of thumb: “If you cannot block the container from your vision with your thumb when you fully outstretch your arm, you are too close.” Any marking that looks like the images below is a warning that SHOUTS **STOP**!!!!!!!!!!!!**



- **The most dangerous structure you will encounter may be your neighbor’s house!** You can make an educated guess what’s in a business, you never know what’s in the garage of that guy down the street! **ALSO**, a common business like a grocery store or pharmacy can present dangers after an earthquake spills chemicals, causing them to mix and release dangerous gases.