Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER

Monterey CERT, including all training, is entirely paid for by the City of Monterey.

Please review an important radio training guide on page 2!

Montery CERT Deploys For Missing Man Search. On Friday, August 28th at approximately 1230 hrs., Monterey CERT received a request from the Seaside Police Department to assist in a search on the Fort Ord property for a missing, at-risk adult male. 16 CERT members responded and deployed to areas off Eucalyptus Road, above General Jim Moore. The CERT trailer was deployed. The missing subject was located later in the day.

Air National Guard Rescues Trapped Campers. Citizen rescuers come in many forms. The California Air National Guard, our citizens soldier helicopter units, rescued approximately 200 trapped campers from the Creek Fire under smoky, low visibility, very dangerous nighttime conditions.
Training Refresher: CERT Hand-Held Radio Essentials:

It is vital you understand our CERT hand-held radios! When using the radio, make sure you are on the channel that has been assigned your group. Turn on the radio using the right knob on the top. Unlock the radio by pushing the EX button, #4, until the radio tells you it is unlocked. Then use the TDR green button, #3, to show only one channel on the screen. Use the middle knob on top of the radio to select your assigned channel. Then lock the radio by pressing the EX button (#4) until the radio tells you it is locked. Turn up the volume using the right knob on top of the radio.

The photo on the right shows the buttons that operate the radio. When transmitting, remember you must push the upper button with the four lines to talk, then release it to listen. To transmit (talk) push the button for one second before speaking, then continue pressing the button while speaking. 

**BE CAREFUL NOT TO PRESS OTHER BUTTONS** as this will send a loud whistle sound when you speak. Make sure your finger is only touching the top button when transmitting. **You’re now ready to go!**

Next radio drill Monday October 12th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) on CERT channel 3
Monterey Peninsula Communities Devastated by Fires! Dolan fire in South Coast exceeds 120,000 acres.

Cachagua Road, Carmel Valley

Las Palmas, along River Road, Salinas

River Fire as visible from the Salinas Valley
CERT In Action.

CERT members Isabelle Preti, Aletha Parker, Greg Profeta and Carolyne Profeta were just some of the many CERT members who assisted Carmel Police with providing information to the public about beach closures during the Labor Day holidays.

Carmel CERT team held a deployment drill on September 15th. This exercise enhanced the activation and communication skills the team will use to deploy during emergencies such as storms. Team Captains Wanda Vollmer and Scot Smythe organized an excellent drill.
A Thank-You From Our Monterey City Manager. On Sunday, August 23rd, 33 CERT members deployed across the Peninsula to provide fire watch for predicted dry lightning strikes. With local and Statewide firefighting resources drawn down to maximum commitment, it was vital that any lightning strikes and subsequent fires be reported immediately. Monterey City Manager Hans Uslar sent us a thoughtful note thanking and acknowledging the enormous commitment shown by CERT members.

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