CERT NEWSLETTER


“CERT members are like the stars, you may not always see them, but we’ll always be there!”

Radio drill, Monday November 11th at 7 P.M. on CERT channel 3. Scroll down to end of this letter for details.

Practice basic CERT skills! On Saturday, Nov. 2nd we will be holding the final exercise for our newest CERT class. If you wish to practice your CERT skills, join us from 12:45 to 4:30 at the EOC, become part of one of the teams and participate in the various skill practice stations including our outstanding Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), rescue of a trapped person, neighborhood search and wire down emergency. This is also an excellent opportunity to use our radios in a deployment situation.

The injuries shown below are simulated for realistic training!
CERT Quarterly Training: Saturday, November 23rd 0830-1100 hrs. at the EOC. CERT will be holding an important training exercise to review our winter safety procedures and bleeding control methods.

We will be training on the following subjects:

- Safe operations around downed power lines
- Traffic control procedures. Use of MURS channels when directing traffic
- Communications
- Using our winter protective clothing (rain suits)
- Five methods of effective bleeding control

Please participate as there are many safety considerations and new techniques to know when respond to emergencies.

A CERT team relieves a fire unit at the scene of a tree and wires down

The injuries shown below are simulated!

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Police Background Checks to Resume

A Monterey CERT Call-Out Team Renders Aid To A Victim

Upon completion of the new class in November, we will be resuming the Police background checks. This involves a fingerprinting and computer background check. If you wish to undergo the process, the following stipulations apply:

1. You must have completed CERT training. By participating in the background check process, you are making a commitment to be “On-Call” 24/7 to respond to call-outs when you’re able for storms, missing persons, coastal incidents, fires and other emergencies where CERT is requested. This is an important consideration as we have been called out several times this year.

2. You will NOT receive a written report on the outcome of your check, nor will one be available upon request. You will only be contacted if something in your past precludes you from being on the CERT emergency call-out group.

3. Even if you have undergone a recent background check with another agency, regardless of Federal, State or Local, you still must undergo our check to be on the call-out group.

4. The CERT budget is charged for these background checks, you will not be charged.

5. If you do NOT undergo the background check process, you will still receive monthly newsletters, be invited to our quarterly training and are welcome to help your neighborhood in a major event such as a serious storm, earthquake or other widespread emergency by responding to your neighborhood container. You will NOT receive CERT Alerts via phone, text or e-mail.

Please continue to monitor the monthly newsletters for information on dates and times as to when and where the background checks will resume. I.D. cards for members of the callout group will be available during the November 23rd drill.
Radio Drill Simulating A Disaster Has Occurred: Monday, November 11th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.)

On Monday, November 11th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) CERT will be conducting a radio drill to test and exercise our disaster reporting skills. The City of Monterey Disaster Plan identifies CERT as a major asset to make reports to the EOC when all forms of communication are comprised during a major disaster event.

Our role is to make reports from the neighborhoods. We are the eyes and ears of the EOC during an event. We will be doing an alphabetical roll-call of the neighborhood containers first, then individuals. Please make your reports realistic, such as “We have a fire at 850 Roosevelt Street, there is a broken water main at 265 Dundee, the freeway overpass has collapsed at Casa Verde and Highway 1.” We will first make an announcement, followed by the roll call.

The announcement will be: "All CERT members, a large seismic event has occurred on the Peninsula. We will be conducting a roll-call of CERT neighborhoods in alphabetical order, with reports from all the containers first, then individuals. If you have a major emergency to report, such as a working fire, you may "break-in" at any time by announcing "Break-Break, Please Hold All Radio Traffic, I Have A Major Emergency To Report. Direct all communications to CERT Command."

A CERT Zone Captain Makes A Report To CERT Command