22 CERT Members Respond To Search For Missing Teen. On Sunday, October 25th at 8:21 P.M., Monterey CERT received an alert request from the Pacific Grove Police Department to assist in a search for a missing, at risk 16 year old. Members staged in the parking lot to the rear of the fire station at Forest & Pine. The CERT trailer was deployed to provide command, communications and support. The missing teen, new to the area, is known to frequent the Recreation Trails on the Peninsula. Working with the PG Police, CERT teams deployed along the waterfront areas from Lover’s Point Park in PG to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside. CERT teams also searched other areas the missing teen frequents such as PG High School, George Washington Park, Sunset Drive and the downtown PG area. Teams remained deployed until well after 1 A.M.

In a happy conclusion to this event, the missing teen was located in good health Monday afternoon October 26th by Monterey County Sheriff’s Deputies.

CERT Classes To Resume Next Year. Monterey CERT plans to resume classes for new volunteers early next year. FEMA and Cal-OES recommend a modified format that combines interactive, web-based instruction with some outdoor, in-person training. We will follow this format to provide the 24 hours of training. Class size will be limited. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

Interested persons send an email to: training@montereycert.org

We are resuming CERT refresher training for current members. CERT Refresher training Saturday, November 7th at 0830-1000 hrs. outside the EOC. FOLLOW FULL COVID-19 SAFETY. Free COVID19 Testing: See Page 5
Retired Monterey Fire Captain Bruce Meyer Has Passed Away. Captain Meyer served our Peninsula communities as a firefighter since the early 1970’s. Decades ago, Bruce and I began our fire service careers together as volunteers with the Carmel Fire Department.

**If you participated in CERT training using the propane fire prop, say a thank-you to Captain Meyer!** Several years ago, Bruce and his father made the piping for the propane fire prop for the outrageous fee of one case of beer.

Captain Bruce Meyer was an excellent firefighter. Thank-you my friend for your outstanding service to the Monterey Peninsula Community. I will miss you.

Monterey Fire Captain Bruce Meyer
Training Refresher: Winter Preparedness. Winter is upon us! As citizens and CERT members, we need to be prepared. CERT will certainly be activated several times over these next few months. We need to follow important safety measures.

Respond In Full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): When responding to a CERT Alert, wear your CERT helmet, vest, COVID19 mask, eye protection, heavy duty shoes and gloves when in Staging. We will conduct a visual sign-in. Maintain spacing of a minimum of 10’. Have your CERT back-pack with you and assure you have a flashlight, jacket, water and calorie supplement, such as a protein bar. In wet weather conditions, we will issue you weather resistant coverings.

Treat ALL wires as dangerous. Never touch, step-on or in any way contact or approach ANY downed or low hanging wire. Maintain a minimum of 50’ distance from any downed wire. Isolate the area, deny entry and immediately report unsafe conditions to 911 and if on a deployment, also to CERT Command. REMEMBER: Electricity travels through metal objects, such as fences!

Be Aware Of Your Surroundings. Always look up, down and all-around. Watch for falling branches, leaning trees, teetering utility poles and unstable ground. Be careful where you step. If you arrive at an assigned area and feel the conditions are too dangerous to remain, retreat to a safe location, contact Command and obtain a re-assignment. When in doubt, abort and return to Staging.
CERT Behind The Scenes. It takes a lot to make a great CERT program! On Saturday, October 10th we held our annual servicing of all the generators in our program. Each of our neighborhood containers and our trailer has a portable generator to provide power for radios, lights and other needs when condition interrupt PG&E service. The generators undergo testing for output, an oil change, air filter inspection and are run to assure they’re at optimum performance. This work is performed entirely by CERT member volunteers!

CERT Zone Captain Gene Rizzo performs service and testing on one of our container generators. Monterey CERT has nine neighborhood containers, plus a teen response team with equipment at Monterey High School. There are also CERT containers in Carmel and Pacific Grove. All provide a wide variety of rescue, communications and emergency medical equipment.

Next Radio Drill: Monday November 9th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) on CERT channel 3

Access the most recent Monterey City Focus with an excellent article about Statewide fire response by Chief Justin Cooper: [https://monterey.org/City-Hall/Newsroom/City-Focus-Newsletter?folderId=1297&view=gridview&pageSize=10](https://monterey.org/City-Hall/Newsroom/City-Focus-Newsletter?folderId=1297&view=gridview&pageSize=10)
Free COVID-19 Testing

STATE SUPPORTED COVID-19 TESTING SITE
Seaside High School
2200 Noche Buena Street
Room S1*

Tuesday - Saturday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

* Park under the solar panels by the gymnasium. Follow signage to Room S1.
** Pre-registration is encouraged to obtain your patient ID number for walk-ins.

IMPORTANT UPDATE
Appointments Recommended**
from 8am - 4pm | 7pm - 7:30pm

Pre-Register:
LHI.CARE/COVIDTESTING
or call 1-888-634-1123

Walk-Ins Accepted
from 4 - 7pm

CLOSED FOR BREAK
12-12:30pm & 5-5:30pm

FREE

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