Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER
Dec 2020, “Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM”. A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!

Monterey CERT is entirely paid for by the City of Monterey. All training is delivered by FEMA Certified, volunteer instructors. CERT response volunteers come from communities all across the Peninsula.

24 CERT Members Attend Resumption Of Quarterly Training! On Saturday, November 7th 24 CERT members attended our first session of Quarterly training since the COVID Pandemic began in March. Members refreshed skills in power lines down safety, winter preparedness, deployment procedures and communications. Full COVID 19 safety protocols were followed.

We are continuing CERT refresher training for current members. CERT Refresher training will next occur Saturday, January 23rd 0830-1100 hrs. Location to be announced. WE WILL FOLLOW COVID-19 SAFETY.

New CERT Classes To Resume In 2021. 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@monereycert.org
Training: CERT Standing Orders

It Is VITAL That EVERY CERT Member Know These!

1. Your safety and the safety of your team is the first priority. Everyone home safe! This is the guiding principal for ALL CERT activities.
2. Sign-in. When arriving at a CERT incident, sign-in (this is done visually during the pandemic) AND sign-out! Make sure we have your cell phone number.
3. Always wear your CERT safety equipment when on assignment and COVID19 mask.
4. Never operate alone. CERT members always operate in teams.
5. Be sure of your assignment and radio frequency before leaving Staging.
   a. Make contact with communications/command as you leave Staging.
   b. LOCK YOUR RADIO with the proper frequency showing in the window.
   c. Report significant events to 911 AND radio them to CERT Command.
6. Stay in touch with your Neighborhood Container, Staging Area or other Command unit. Make regular reports of your status.
7. Operate within your “Scope-Of-Training”. Do not attempt an operation that is outside what you learned in CERT training.
8. Have a reason for what you do! “We shut the gas meter because we smelled natural gas”.
   “We made forcible entry because someone was calling for help and we could not find an unlocked door or window”.
9. Never approach, touch or come within 50 feet of ANY wire down no matter how harmless it may seem. Be aware that fences, metal and even the ground can conduct electricity, especially in wet conditions.
10. Do not let victims in a danger zone change your safety protocols.
11. Only consider entering a building in which the lateral and horizontal lines are correct.
12. Always have one team member with a radio remain outside and beyond the collapse zone when entering a building.
13. At a mass casualty incident:
   • Report the victim count to your team leader
   • Initially assess ALL victims for an open airway, excessive bleeding and shock, attaching Triage tags as you go.
   • Initially stop only to treat life threatening conditions.
   • When triage is complete, begin treatment and movement of all victims, starting with those tagged “Immediate”, and report updated count and status of victims.
   • Continually monitor the status of victims for changes in condition.
14. Constantly assess and re-assess your situation. Emergencies are dynamic and conditions can change, your plan may need to change.
15. When in doubt, abort your operation until all team members are comfortable with the plan. Any team member can stop an operation.
16. Constantly monitor the physical AND mental condition of yourself and your team members.
17. Call for professionals and/or more CERT resources when necessary.
18. Be aware of your surroundings. Look up, down and all around.
Carmel CERT Graduates 16 New Members!
With a grant from a local CARMEL 501.c, coordinated by CERT members Carolyne and Greg Profeta and with the tireless support of Zone Captains Wanda Vollmer & Scot Smythe, Carmel CERT conducted training for 16 new members. This instruction, delivered by FEMA Certified CERT Instructor Isabelle Preti, combined ZOOM based training and one day of intense, hands-on skills tutoring. Carmel PD Officer Rachelle Lightfoot, with the support of Chief Tomasi secured the location and logistics for instruction. An outstanding addition to our Peninsula CERT community! Full COVID19 safety protocols were followed including visual sign-in, temperature checks, all outdoor instruction, mask requirements plus face shields for all students and instructors.

**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.

**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

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Please follow all social distance guidelines while on school grounds. Protect yourself and others against infections.

No CERT radio drill or business meeting is planned for December.
Remember to turn on your CERT radio during a storm, earthquake, warning or other natural disaster or emergency.

Tune into CERT channel 3 to monitor updates & emergency notifications.

1. A/B moves transmit capability to the upper or lower frequency
2. Menu should NOT be used
3. TDR allows having one or two channels showing in the window.
4. EX is the lock function
5. The up and down triangles change your frequency

Remember to switch your radio to the assigned channel, have only one channel showing in the window and LOCK your radio.