





Monterey CERT

NEWSLETTER

December 2023 "Training And News For The Monterey, CA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM". A Monterey citizen volunteer emergency response team funded by the City of Monterey



Above: CERT Members Jennifer Murphy and Katie Taylor (Yellow vests) Along the Race Route At Alvarado & Franklin Streets

28 CERT Members Deploy To Assist With Monterey Bay

Half Marathon. On Sunday, November 12th 28 CERT volunteers deployed at the request of Monterey Police Department to assist with the Monterey Bay Half Marathon. CERT members secured traffic control points and assured that race participants followed the designated course. This was an early event, with CERT members Staging at 5:45 A.M.



Above: CERT member Greg Profeta at a control point along Cannery Row

Several Thousand Runners Participate In Marathon. CERT members deployed to seven pre-designated locations along the Marathon route in the downtown and Cannery Row areas of Monterey. CERT members Staged at the Monterey EOC at 5:45 A.M. Members received briefing, assignments, breakfast and then went to their assigned locations. The CERT trailer was setup at the Sports Center parking lot, next to the police department command post. The CERT radio system was used to maintain communications with members in



Above: CERT members Bill Silva & Sid Mattlock at Pearl & Tyler Streets

CERT Calendar of Events:

ZOOM Training on dealing with persons suffering from mental challenges.

Tuesday December 5th at 7 P.M. we will be holding a ZOOM training with a mental health professional. She will give us extremely valuable insights into how to approach and deal with persons that have mental challenges. Many of our search subject fit this description, so please tune-in.

The CERT Alert system will be activated to test the system at approximately 5 P.M. on December 5th.

On-air radio drill: Monday December 11th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4.

Next CERT Training For New Volunteers: April 6, 13 and 20th 2024. This is a three consecutive Saturday format. Training is free of charge. To enroll, email: training@montereycert.org

Training Refresher: What to Keep in Your CERT Backpack

Green helmet & yellow vest. This is the recognized CERT uniform and I.D.'s you to firefighters & law enforcement across the County.

Basic PPE. Medical & work gloves, eye protection and N-95 masks.

Basic tool(s): Crescent wrench to shut off utilities or break a window.

Small role of duct tape.

Basic first-aid. 5' x 7" gauze pads, large band-aids, an elastic wrap & CAT tourniquet. Mylar blanket.

Lightweight flashlight, water



Keep other, larger, heavier items in your vehicle for use when you need them. Your pack should not exceed 10 lbs. in weight. Carrying a heavy pack can be very tiring.

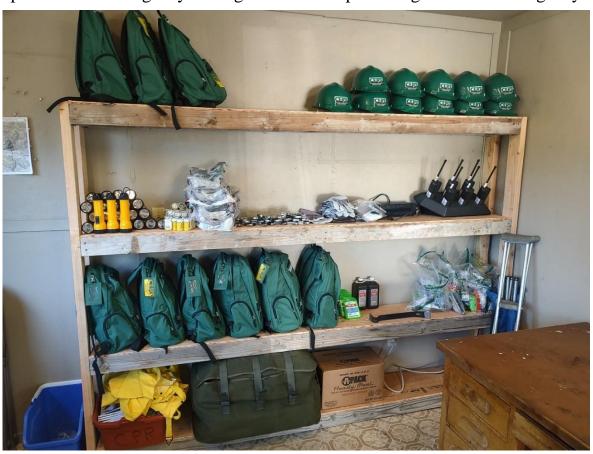
Carmel Valley CERT Establishes Neighborhood Container

At Del Mesa Carmel. Carmel Valley CERT has received the use of a building at Del Mesa Carmel to establish a neighborhood equipment and Staging location. We thank Del Mesa for their support! **Valley CERT has also nearly completed putting our response trailer in service**. The trailer is both a mobile command post and equipment vehicle.

THE CV CERT team was formed with the intention of being an emergency response team to not only service the community of Carmel Valley, but to also offer mutual aid to other CERT teams within the county.

This team would not exist without the dedication of the CV CERT members and the tireless efforts of team leaders Greg & Carolyne Profeta, who have self-funded this program along with a grant from a local foundation.

CV CERT has deployed to assist County agencies with evacuation warnings last Winter in Mission Fields (Carmel), Carmel Valley, Salinas Valley and North County areas. CV CERT also has deployed at the request of Cal-Fire to assist in major events, such as the U.S. Open LPGA Golf Tournament. Monterey County Department of Emergency Management is the sponsoring Government Agency.



Safety Refresher: Keep Your Bedroom Doors Closed! This picture dramatically demonstrates the benefits of sleeping with your bedroom doors closed. Placing smoke detectors in the hallway outside bedrooms AND in every room where someone sleeps will give you and your family the early warning necessary to safely escape during a fire. Practice your escape plan. **GET OUT!!!**



Monterey CERT Has A New Call Sign For CERT 4. The

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigns "Call-Signs" to a license it issues an agency or group for radio use on a specific frequency. Our call-sign for CERT 4 is **WRHU 778**. You will hear us reference this call-sign from time to time when we are using the CERT radio system.

Our Monterey Firefighters and Police In Action. On November 22nd a small trailer caught fire on El CalleJone, a residential ally in Monterey off Herrmann Drive. Firefighters contained the fire before there was spread to nearby houses and forest areas.



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