



# Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER

Feb 2021, "Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM". A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!

*Volunteers don't get paid ..... that's because they're priceless.*

**New CERT Class.** Monterey CERT is planning a class for NEW MEMBERS! This training will combine online, ZOOM based interactive training with one day of in-person, hands-on skills instruction. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, class size is very limited and you **must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Monterey to participate.**

Interested persons send an email to: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)



## **YES, It Happens Here!**

### Magnitude 4.2 earthquake strikes Central Coast



A magnitude **4.2 earthquake** rattled parts of the Central Coast Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The US Geological Survey reports the epicenter had a depth of around eight kilometers and originated four kilometers south east of Aromas in Monterey County at around 8 p.m. The USGS reported the magnitude to be 4.2. Residents across the Monterey Bay Area felt the rumbling for several seconds.

This event, not to mention the fires that occurred this past year, underscores the need for EVERYONE to be prepared. **If you have taken CERT training, thank-you. If you have not yet completed CERT, enroll in the next class.** The more citizens that are trained to care for themselves, their families and their neighbors, the safer we all are! **For assistance in preparing, consult the [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) website.**

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

**Major Storms Impact The Central Coast.** On Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, evacuations were ordered for areas near the Dolan, Carmel and River Fire burn scar areas due to potential mudslides and debris flows.

As an atmospheric river moved through the Central Coast Tuesday evening, several roadways were closed due to flooding and mud. Evacuation centers were opened at various locations, including Toro School and the Carmel Valley Library. Additional storm fronts continue to impact our region.



**ABOVE** (Photo by CERT member Scot Smythe): **January 28, 2021.** Emergency crews from the Sheriff's Search & Rescue team entering flooded areas below River School in Carmel. **CERT teams from Carmel went door-to-door** in Carmel Point areas to advise of the mandatory evacuation orders issued by the Sheriff. The Monterey CERT trailer was also deployed to provide a command post and communications.

## **WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET!**

Stay safe! Remain prepared! Be ready to assist your communities! Practice good COVID-19 safety protocols: Wear a mask that tightly covers your nose and mouth. Wash your hands frequently. Avoid interactions except with those you live with. We are far from having this pandemic past us!

**Longtime Friend Of CERT Wayne O'Neil Honored!** On behalf of all CERT members, we extend our congratulations to Seaside Fire Department volunteer Drone Pilot Wayne O'Neil for being named 2020 drone pilot of the year. Wayne is a former CERT instructor and longtime friend of CERT. The Seaside drone is used on a wide array of emergencies such as searches, coastal incidents, fires and much more. Wayne and all drone pilots provide an extremely valuable asset to our communities!



## **Possible Closure of Fire Station 1 Parking Lot**

Monterey is considering an action to erect gates in addition to the recently installed fencing around the Police, Fire Department and EOC parking lots behind fire station 1 on Pacific Street. This would have the effect of closing this parking lot to the public. With respect to CERT members using the lot in the event of full enclosure, the Fire Chief is providing input to the decision process advocating that CERT members should be provided access during our many training and deployment events that occur each year. We will provide updates as additional information becomes available.

**The CDC says to look for emergency warning signs for coronavirus.** If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing.
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest.
- New confusion.
- Inability to wake or stay awake.
- Bluish lips or face

***Even if you have received the COVID-19 vaccine regimen, you can still have NO symptoms but have and TRANSMIT THE VIRUS! Wear a mask, maintain distance, don't interact with people outside your home and wash you hands regularly!!!!!!***

***CERT volunteers from across the Monterey Peninsula, including teams in Monterey, Pacific Grove, City Of Carmel, The Santa Lucia Preserve, Carmel Valley Village and Big Sur provide a valuable, large emergency response and search & rescue force to assist whenever necessary in service to our communities.***



***Angel, the CERT & Rescue Dog reminds you to include your pets in your emergency plans!***