The Mission Of CERT. The mission of the Monterey CERT program is: “To provide Community Emergency Response Team capability to Monterey and our neighboring communities”. The City Of Monterey funds CERT entirely, with the money channeled through the fire department budget. However, nearly one thousand citizens from all areas of the Monterey Peninsula have completed our program, continue to participate and respond to CERT activations for emergencies in Monterey and across the Peninsula. This is an OUTSTANDING example of mutual community cooperation and support across our areas, regardless of City, County or District boundaries. CERT PRIORITY ONE: Serve our communities, but EVERYONE HOME SAFE!

Just a few of CERT’s missions and training under the FEMA guidelines:

- Emergency Medicine
- Rescue of trapped persons
- Use of fire extinguishers
- Searches for missing or lost persons
- Storm response
- Traffic Control
- Eyes and ears for a community after a disaster/emergency
- Building damage assessment
- Firefighter support for rest and re-habilitation (Firefighter Re-Hab)
- Coastal Incident Response

New CERT Class Starts February 22nd, 2020. Monterey CERT will be conducting our next class for new students over a three Saturday format on February 22nd, 29th and March 7th. Time each day will be 8:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Interested persons may enroll by sending an email to: training@montereycert.org We will reply with full confirmation that has information on location, items to bring, preparations, etc. Monterey CERT training is offered free of charge! Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
During a CERT Alert Activation for a coastal incident, we remind all members that CERT ONLY deploys as coastal spotters in safe locations. Our job is to provide eyes on the incident, helping to keep the victim in sight, or re-acquire them when they are lost and use our communications system to relay critical information to the Incident Command Post. Our policy has always been that we do NOT approach the surf line or EVER enter the water!

(Photos by CERT Member Thor Rasmussen)

Photos show Monterey CERT volunteers in a full scale Coastal Incident drill with Coast Guard, Monterey Fire Boat and Sheriff’s aircraft.
New FEMA-CERT Standards For Tourniquet Use. The newly released CERT training standards show the use of a commercially produced tourniquet. These units are easy to use, but require some training and practice for the user to become proficient.

FEMA recommends the use of the C.A.T. (Combat Application Tourniquet) to stop major bleeding when other methods fail. This is a skill FEMA and Homeland Security recommends for all Americans. These units are now stocked in the CERT trailer and all neighborhood containers. If you have not yet seen the new tourniquets, or wish to train further with them, we will be holding a special training session on them in the EOC on Monday February 3rd from 5:45-6:15 P.M.
Tourniquet GEN3

Assisted Occlusion Strap
AOS Strap designed with finger hole for grip. Finger hole assists in achieving positive tension while implementing device in muddy, wet and bloody environments.

US-Made DuPont® Kevlar® Stitching
Prevents velcro delamination when under extreme tension.

Timestamp
Write down time of application to identify the time limit for potential blood poisoning.

Windlass Clip
Quick and easy windlass lock.

Windlass
Extra strength 6061-T6 aircraft grade aluminum windlass that will not break. Hollow design to save weight.

Single Route Recon Buckle
Fast application with stronger teeth for superior bite and reduced loosening.