

CERT NEWSLETTER

December 2018 “*Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM*”. A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!
CERT OPERATIONS & TRAINING ARE FUNDED BY THE CITY OF MONTEREY!



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

PARADISE LOST!



The Tragic and Heart Wrenching Loss of So Many Lives In Paradise, CA should give us all a moment of pause to say a prayer for those who have suffered so much. We spend so much time talking about earthquakes in California but it is fires that present a far more dangerous threat. We as a State and locally as citizens, need to be VERY prepared to react immediately in a disaster.

See instructions in this newsletter on how to register for and receive Monterey County emergency alerts!

New CERT Class Starts February 23rd. This is our weekend series, taught over three consecutive Saturdays, February 23, March 2nd & March 9th. Find one person to take CERT (**Class is open to everyone, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!**)! To enroll, Email: training@montereycert.org

The Year In CERT! Thanks to the dedication and support of **you**, our CERT volunteers, we have made great progress this past year in serving and improving the emergency readiness of our community!

Two Outstanding Classes Graduated! Many fine young people are now members of Monterey CERT!



Photos by Thor Rasmussen

45 CERT Members Trained To Provide NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Standard 1584: “Cooling & Relief Support” To Peninsula Firefighters.



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After Completing Our Official CERT Training Class, Monterey High CERT Team Members Are the Only Certified Teen CERT Group In Any High School In The Monterey Bay, Tri-County Region! The High School team already has an inventory of equipment, radios and first-aid supplies.



Photos by Demetrius Kastros

The Pacific Grove CERT Received Financial Support (\$3,000) From Yellow Brick Road Foundation and P.G. Volunteer Fire Department Association to Complete Equipping the P.G. CERT Container.

Who pays for CERT? The City-Of-Monterey! The day-to-day operations of CERT, such as back-packs, certificates, vests and helmets, Zone containers & equipment, the trailer, radios, training materials, a new shed for equipment storage and many other CERT related items are paid for by a \$15,000 annual budget allotment from the City of Monterey. **No salaries or fees are paid as all instruction and management of CERT is done by our volunteer managers and FEMA certified instructors.** We thank the Monterey City council and all the citizens of Monterey for their continued support.



BE PREPARED! To assure local alerts go to both your home AND cell phone, you **MUST PRE-REGISTER** with the Monterey County Office of Emergency Services (OES) at **this link:**

<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/emergency-communications-911/citizen-awareness/alert-monterey-county>

You can create an account with OES to assure notifications come to both your home and cell phone. Once you have created your account, you can conduct a test to assure you are correctly logged into the system!