

CERT NEWSLETTER

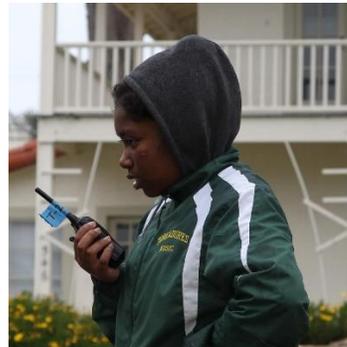


April 2019 *“Training And News For The Monterey COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM”*. A citizen based, volunteer emergency response team!
CERT OPERATIONS & TRAINING ARE FUNDED BY THE CITY OF MONTEREY!

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

New CERT Class Starts October 19, 2019. Class days are October 19th, 26th and November 2nd. Attendance at all three **Saturdays** is required to graduate. Class time each day is 8:20 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. We accept students from all locations. To enroll, send an email of interest to: training@montereycert.org. We will reply with a confirmation that has all the class details, items to bring, etc.

NEXT RADIO DRILL: Monday April 8th at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.) Tune to CERT channel 3. Good communications are vital to team safety and effectiveness. This will be a simulated earthquake drill, with roll-call by neighborhood. Please participate. If you do not own your own CERT radio, contact your team leader to borrow one. A list of CERT team leaders is provided in this newsletter.



30 Citizens Graduate Feb-March CERT Class! In another outstanding example of community support, 30 citizens graduated the 24-hour CERT course on March 9th! These fine members of our community will greatly enhance our overall preparedness and response capability.



Photo by CERT member Thor Rasmussen

Video: “CERT-In-Action”. After a fierce storm strikes their local community, CERT members activate in their neighborhood, set up an Incident Command Post, and assess damage throughout the area. They use their CERT skills to respond to damage and injured victims in the local community center, managing the situation until professional responders are able to arrive. This video provides a useful introduction to the CERT concept for new program participants and others who may be interested in the program. This video will also support the material presented in the CERT Basic Training course. **Click link to view video:** <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=cert+in+action+video&view=detail&mid=0EFE5F729830439DD1340EFE5F729830439DD134&FORM=VIRE>

CERT Also Handles Smaller Emergencies! On March 12th, CERT received a request to maintain a street closure on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. Fire units had been on scene for 3 hours. Three CERT members filled the request at 5:12 P.M. and remained on scene until 8:15 P.M. while a utility company removed a falling pole.

(CERT member Jim Gunter secures Forest Ave.)



Training Refresher: The 9 steps of CERT size-up.

- 1. Gather facts.** What has happened? How many people appear to be involved? What is the current situation? **WHAT DANGERS ARE PRESENT?**
- 2. Assess and communicate the damage.** Try to determine what has happened, what is happening now, and how bad things can really get.
- 3. Consider probabilities.** What is likely to happen? What could happen through cascading events?
- 4. Assess your own situation.** Are you in immediate danger? Have you been trained to handle the situation? Do you have the equipment that you need?
- 5. Establish priorities.** Are lives at risk? Can you help? Remember, life safety is the first priority!
- 6. Make decisions.** Base your decisions on the answers to Steps 1 through 5 and in accordance with the priorities that you established.
- 7. Develop a plan of action.** Develop a plan that will help you accomplish your priorities. Simple plans may be verbal, but more complex plans should always be written.
- 8. Take action.** Execute your plan, documenting deviations and status changes so that you can report the situation accurately to first responders.
- 9. Evaluate progress.** At intervals, **evaluate your progress** in accomplishing the objectives in the plan of action to **determine what is working and what changes you may have to make** to stabilize the situation.

Remember: When approaching an injured person, address them from several feet away, **GET THEIR CONSENT TO TREAT THEM!** **A conscious person can refuse treatment.** With an unconscious person, we can presume consent.



Address a possibly injured person from a distance. Get CONSENT to treat!
ASSESS SCENE SAFETY. WHAT DANGERS ARE PRESENT?

Monterey CERT is the only CERT program in the United States to be featured in two major publications, Fire Engineering and Emergency Management Magazines, as the model for “How-To-Start-A-CERT Program In Your Community”. Our successful program is the direct result of the tireless efforts of YOU, our volunteers who cumulatively give thousands of hours of their time every year.

THANK-YOU! Here are some pictures from our most recent class. Several CERT members volunteered as “victims” to help enhance our training!



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MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE
During a fire, a closed door can mean the difference between **1,000 degrees** and **100 degrees**.

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