



Monterey CERT

NEWSLETTER

April 2024 *“Training And News For The Monterey, CA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM”.*
A citizen volunteer emergency response team funded by the City of Monterey



CERT Members Respond To Assist In Search For Missing, At-Risk Subject. On Tuesday, March 26th at 7 P.M., Monterey CERT was activated to assist the Police Department in a search for a missing at-risk elderly female subject. Staging was Surf Way and Tide Avenue in Monterey. The CERT trailer was also deployed. CERT began to deploy search teams in the area when the subject was safely located a few blocks from the Staging area. The alert was cancelled and CERT demobilized. 17 CERT members arrived at Staging prior to the cancellation. Others were enroute.

Visit the Monterey CERT FACEBOOK Page for pictures, videos and information on our deployments, events and training.

CERT Calendar of Events:

CERT Training For New Members May 2024. This is a three consecutive Saturday format, May 4, 11 & 18. Training is free of charge. Training is open to residents of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Carmel Valley and the nearby communities. To enroll, email: training@montereycert.org

Traffic Control, The Fourth of July. Details forthcoming. This will be a **training event** as we provide traffic control at many storm, fire and other emergencies that present a “Peril To The Community”.

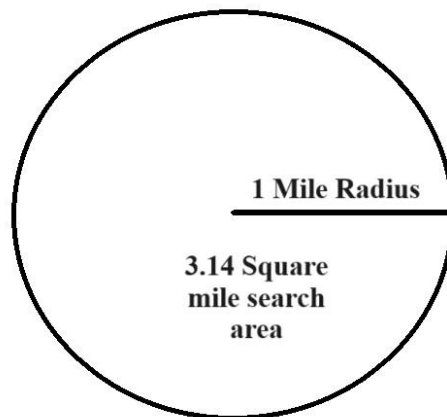
CERT Provides Storm Support in February. On Sunday, February 4th a serious storm struck the Monterey Peninsula. The City of Monterey activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which brought in all department heads from Fire, Police, Public Works, the City Manager, etc. CERT was activated and deployed for several hours from Staging to several locations in Monterey and Carmel to provide traffic control and perimeter security at downed wires, severely damaged houses, trees across roads, etc.

Below: A severely damaged house on Linda Vista in Monterey.

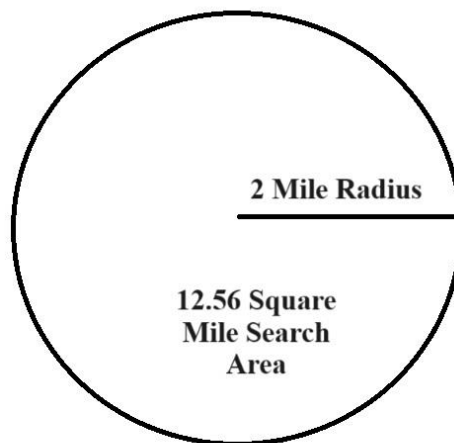


Why CERT Deploys For Searches. CERT often deploys to assist area Police with missing person searches. We do the neighborhood street-to-street searches which can **free up police officers to conduct their investigation** as to places the subject frequents, who their friends are, accessing their email and media outlets and using technology to track the missing persons cell phone locations. With every passing hour, the search area can expand dramatically. **Even a small child or elder at-risk person can walk 1-2 miles an hour.**

The search area in the first hours can be 3.14 square miles



In hour two, the search area expands to 12.56 square miles



In the third hour, the search area expands to over 28 square miles! This is why CERT can be such a huge asset during a search operation.

42 CERT Members Participate in March 16th Skills

Training. On Saturday, March 16th, CERT held a skills training for our Emergency Responders. CERT members practiced traffic control skills on Van Buren Street, refreshed their skills on common household injuries and childhood emergencies and reviewed improvements made to our response trailer.





Above: CERT members review improvements made to the CERT trailer and inventory. The man above in **the green vest** is a CERT member from San Luis Obispo County who came to Monterey to see our training. Monterey CERT networks with many other CERT programs in California as we learn much from each other.



55 CERT Members Tune Into ZOOM Of “The Who-What & Why of CERT”. If you missing the CERT ZOOM training on March 12th, or would like to review the content, click the link below. This is important information on how CERT operates and deploys to assist our communities.

<https://youtu.be/tWsVkYzJQSY>

Downloading our CERT Grid Maps To Your Phone: Our CERT member **Richard Ruh**, a member of the Carmel Valley neighborhood team, has devoted many hours to digitizing our CERT map system so it can be downloaded to your Android or Apple cell phone. This is a two-step process. First, you need to download the map app, the the maps themselves. Here are the two links for completing the process:

Getting the maps is a two step process.

1. First, if you don't have the ArcGIS Field Maps application loaded on your device, you need to get it:

FOR ANDROID: Here's a link to download Field Maps from Google Play :

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.fieldmaps>

FOR iPhone and iOS: Here's a link to download Field Maps from the Apple App store:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/arcgis-field-maps/id1515671684>

2. Once you have Field Maps, you need to download the MRY_PEN_CERT map.

THESE DOWNLOAD METHODS ONLY WORK IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED STEP 1.

<https://fieldmaps.arcgis.app/?itemID=81eb676ec9fe4bcc8a39ad5c8a0a9f51&referenceContext=open&portalURL=https%3A%2F%2FRuh.maps.arcgis.com>

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Above: More images from February 4th taken by CERT members.