

# Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER, Supplemental Issue, June 2019

*Prepare As If Your Life Depends Upon It, Because It Does!*

**Massive Storms Devastate Wide Areas of the Central United States. May 2019** saw huge storms causing widespread tornado and flooding damage across several States. Every day for nearly two weeks, severe weather systems spawned multiple tornadoes across America's Midwest and Northeast—an average of 27 tornadoes a day, according to NBC News. From Oklahoma to New Jersey, storms brought destructive winds and rainfall to cities, small towns, farms, and suburbs, causing multiple deaths and leaving behind ruined buildings, power outages, severe flooding and devastated communities.



The photo above shows an eerie path of tornado destruction in El Reno, Oklahoma.



Flooding devastates major portions of Porter, Texas on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019



A woman collects some belongings from what used to be her bedroom after a tornado touched down early in the morning on May 28, 2019, in Trotwood, Ohio. **Note that her roof is completely gone!**



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Get your family, friends and neighbors to enroll in CERT!***

## **Millions of Americans Were Devastated By the May Storms.**

Communities not only suffered the storm damage, but also were subject to the longer term after-effects of flooding, power outages and severe water shortages when the electricity that powers the water plants failed.

**The need to be prepared is more apparent than ever! You cannot predict when or which type of disaster will strike, BUT the preparations are the same! Prepare-Prepare-Prepare!!!**

**Disasters of all types strike right here in California!** Consult these FEMA websites for more information:

Thunderstorms and Lightening:

<https://www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning>

Severe Weather:

<https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather>

Floods:

<https://www.ready.gov/floods>

Make-A-Plan

<https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Extreme Heat:

<https://www.ready.gov/heat>

Financial Preparedness:

<https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness>

Power Outages:

<https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

Active Shooter:

<https://www.ready.gov/active-shooter>

Tornados:

<https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>

Get Involved:

<https://www.ready.gov/get-involved>

Home Fire Escape Plan:

<https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

Build A Kit:

<https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

# NEXT CERT CLASS STARTS IN OCTOBER 2019

**The next CERT training takes place over 3 consecutive Saturdays: Classes occur on October 19th, October 26th and November 2nd 2019. Students need to attend all three days to graduate.**

**Class time each day is 8:20 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

Anyone may enroll by sending an e-mail of interest to: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)

*Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult  
CERT Training is offered free of charge!*



*CERT students "Rescue" a trapped victim. Photo by CERT member Thor Rasmussen*