
JUST GET OUT!!! DON’T STOP FOR ANYTHING!!!!

Have an escape ladder for upper rooms

Remember to crawl low below the heat & smoke and designate a meeting area where everyone assembles after exiting

Call 911 from a neighbor’s house

Be PREPARED!!!! Practice your ESCAPE PROCEDURE regularly!

The best rescue a fire department can make is a well-prepared family standing on the sidewalk when the first engine arrives!

Plans are useless. Preparedness is everything!
Test Smoke Alarms Regularly. Create and Practice A Home Fire Escape Procedure!

Sit down with your family, draw a diagram of your home and PRACTICE your home fire escape PROCEDURE. Have escape ladders for second story areas of your home. Have combination smoke carbon monoxide detectors on every floor and in every room where someone sleeps!

A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. Take care of the alarm according to its instructions.

Follow these tips from the U.S. Fire Administration:

- **Smoke alarm powered by a nine-volt battery:** Test the alarm each month. Replace the batteries every year. Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- **Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium battery:** Test the alarm each month. Since you cannot replace the lithium battery, replace the entire smoke alarm according to the alarm instructions.
- **Smoke alarm hardwired into your home’s electrical system:** Test the alarm each month. Replace the backup battery every year. Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
Radio Drill, Monday June 8\textsuperscript{th} at 1900 hrs. (7 P.M.). Participate by tuning into CERT channel 3. Carmel team members use CERT 2 to contact your command. If you want to participate, but do not own your own CERT radio contact your team leader to borrow one for the drill. \textbf{Be prepared to make simulated “damage” reports from your area,} such as “We have a fire at 1501 Skyline Drive, there is a collapsed freeway overpass at Highway 1 & Casa Verde, there are power lines down in the 400 block of Van Buren”.

\textbf{The Following CERT COVID-19 response protocols remain in effect:}

- Do not respond to a CERT Alert or Zone if you have flu-like symptoms
- CERT Staging/Command Post will be set-up with appropriate separation
- Sign-in/Sign-out will be conducted visually, from safe distance
- Wear face covering at all times that fully covers your mouth and nose
- Use hand sanitizer. We will have sanitizer accessible at Staging
- Maintain minimum 6’ of distance from other persons at all times
- Wear your CERT vest and helmet, have your back-pack with you
- If you do not have your own CERT radio, we will issue you one for the event
- Contact Command on CERT radio Channel 3 \textbf{PRIOR to leaving Staging}
- Drive from Staging to assigned area in \textbf{separate} vehicles, unless arriving together
- Command will conduct radio safety checks every 20 minutes
- \textbf{MAKE SURE YOU SIGN-IN AND SIGN OUT!!} Provide your cell phone #