Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER

Monterey CERT, including all training, is entirely paid for by the City of Monterey.

CERT Members Provide Traffic Control at COVID19 Drive Thru Testing at DLI. On Thursday, July 16th Monterey CERT provided traffic control at a “Pop-Up” COVID19 drive-thru testing held at the Lower DLI in Monterey. 116 citizens underwent the testing process. 12 CERT members participated. The trailer was deployed to provide communications and support.

Remember: ALWAYS follow your Coronavirus safety protocols. ALWAYS WEAR A MASK WHEN RESPONDING TO A CERT ALERT OR WHEN OUTSIDE YOUR HOME OR CAR. IT IS NOW THE LAW IN MONTEREY. Wash your hands, use sanitizer and practice distancing. If you have flu-like symptoms, do not respond to any CERT alerts. Contact your doctor immediately. Follow their instructions!

Next CERT Radio Drill Monday August 10th at 7 P.M. Tune in on CERT channel 3. Be prepared to make area damage reports from your neighborhood.
Training Refresher: Conducting Interior Search

Search Considerations:

The first considerations you MUST examine are, “Do we have a reason to enter this building? Is the building safe to enter?”

CERT ONLY enters building where the lateral and horizontal lines are correct. If you encounter heavy damage inside, exit and report to command

CERT NEVER enters a building with heavy damage!

- When encountering a building with heavy damage, report to Command
- Stay outside the collapse zone, 1.5 times the building height
- Call out to possible survivors, attempt to determine where they are trapped, i.e. first floor left. Tell them to attempt self-extrication
- Secure utilities IF safe to access shut-offs
- Keep team members on scene until firefighters arrive
If CERT enters a building, mark the structure to indicate a search occurred.

**Search Markings**

- Upon entering search area:
  - Make a slash
  - Enter info
- Upon leaving search area:
  - Complete ‘X’
  - Enter info

- The marking should be in a highly visible location, such as the building front
- Make your initial marking from upper right to lower left
- Indicate the date & time you entered in the upper quadrant
- Identify team designation in the left quadrant
- Conduct your search with at least one member remaining **OUTSIDE** and out of any collapse zone, typically 1.5 times the height of the structure
- When the search is complete and you have exited the building, make your second marking, completing the “X”, from upper left to lower right
- Identify areas searched in the right quadrant i.e. *entire building searched, first floor only searched*
- Show in the lower quadrant how many survivors were located AND where they were taken, i.e. *1 elderly female to CHOMP, 1 child taken to Monterey PD*

**CERT training for new volunteers has been suspended due to the COVID19 Pandemic. Updates will be published as the situation evolves.**
CERT In Action: CERT members on deployments 2020

Seaside search for missing child
Carmel deployment

MPC mask giveaway, COVID 19 testing at DLI