

## Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER

January 2024 "Training And News For The Monterey, CA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM".
A Monterey citizen volunteer emergency response team funded by the City of Monterey During December $\mathbf{2 8}^{\text {th }}$ Storm Surge. On Thursday, December 28 at 11:38 A.M., CERT was activated to provide road closure and crowd control services during the high surf storm surge that struck the entire Central Coast Region. CERT responders deployed along Ocean View Blvd. in Pacific Grove and along Scenic Drive in Carmel. The CERT trailer was deployed to Lover's Point in Pacific Grove to provide a Command Post. Volunteers remained deployed until 3:00 P.M. Below: Lover's Point, Pacific Grove, December 28 $^{\text {th }}$


Carmel Valley CERT fills 1,600 sandbags! In preparation for possible flooding in the Carmel Valley Village, such as occurred this past Winter, Carmel Valley CERT deployed on Saturday and Sunday, December $16^{\text {th }}$ \& $17^{\text {th }}$ to fill sandbags. A total of 1,600 sandbags were prepared over the two days. The team used some techniques, not widely known, to rapidly fill the bags in a manner that greatly minimizes the physical strain of handling the bags. WE WILL BE TRAINING ON THESE TECHNIQUES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY $13{ }^{\text {TH }}$. Photo below shows just a portion of the bags filled.


Register your cell phone to receive emergency alerts from the County of Monterey at : Monterey County Citizen Alert - Sign Up (everbridge.net)

## CERT Calendar of Events:

Preparing and Deploying Sandbags-Winter Safety. The CERT map system: Saturday, January $\mathbf{1 3}^{\text {th }} \mathbf{0 8 4 5 - 1 1 0 0} \mathbf{~ h r s . ~ S t a g i n g ~ i s ~ t h e ~ M o n t e r e y ~}$ Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 610 Pacific Street.

The CERT Alert system will be activated to test the system at approximately 8:00 A.M. on Saturday January $13^{\text {th }}$ prior to our training that same day.

On-air radio drill: Monday January 15th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4.
Next CERT Training For New Volunteers: April 6, 13 and 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 2024. This is a three consecutive Saturday format. Training is free of charge. To enroll, email: training@montereycert.org

## Training Refresher: <br> What to Keep in Your CERT Backpack

Green helmet \& yellow vest. This is the recognized CERT uniform and I.D.'s you to firefighters \& law enforcement across the County.
Basic PPE. Medical \& work gloves, eye protection and $\mathrm{N}-95$ masks.

Basic tool(s): Crescent wrench or other tool to shut off utilities and break a window.

Small roles of duct \& caution tape.
Basic first-aid. 5" x 7" gauze pads, large band-aids, an elastic wrap \& CAT tourniquet. Mylar blanket.
Lightweight flashlight, water


Keep heavier items in your car, ready for use. Your pack should not weigh more than 9 lbs. Carrying a heavy pack is very tiring.

## Training Refresher: When using orange cones to block a

street, configure the cones as shown below, with yellow caution tape connecting the cones EXCEPT the middle two. This allows you to easily open the traffic lane for emergency units and utility companies. Note: There is NO caution tape connecting the middle cones in front of the CERT responder.


When closing a street for a downed wire, make sure you extend the caution tape across the sidewalk on both sides of the street. It is vital to keep all traffic out of the area, both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Always maintain 50' distance from any downed wire. REMEMBER : ALL DOWN WIRES ARE DANGEROUS !!!

## Major Power Outage Affects Thousands of Peninsula PG\&E

Customers. On Thursday, December 21st, a major power outage occurred on the Monterey Peninsula. This event affected most of Pebble Beach and significant portions of Monterey. Starting at 2:44 A.M. and continuing until 8:30, this outage occurred without any storm or wind conditions.

This type of event underscores the need to be prepared for extended power outages and other emergencies at all times. Below : PG\&E outage map, Dec 21, 2023.


For information on Winter preparedness, consult this FEMA website : Get Ready for Winter Weather | FEMA.gov

# CERT Repeater Relocated To The Monterey County Communications Tower Near Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Courses at Fort Ord. 



Above: The new Monterey County Communications antenna tower. Many different County \& City agencies have antennas on the tower. This new location has increased the effectiveness of our CERT channel 4, which is our repeater channel. We have a new FCC call sign for channel 4, WRHU-778

