



# Monterey CERT

## NEWSLETTER

September 2022, "Training And News For The Monterey, CA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM".

A Monterey citizen volunteer emergency response team funded by the City of Monterey

**49 CERT Volunteers Participate in August 27<sup>th</sup> Search & Rescue Training!** On Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Monterey CERT held a training exercise using our new and advanced grid map system. The maps are used to identify specific search areas to which to dispatch teams. The maps allow for ease of a team locating their assigned search area and also provide an outstanding tool to for CERT Command to precisely track their location. These maps, together with our excellent radio system allow CERT volunteer teams to effectively search our communities for missing persons. Deployments for missing persons occur several times a year.



Above: A CERT team consults the master search map before deploying to their assigned area. Grid books are provided to each team prior to leaving Staging to allow them to easily locate their assigned area. Contact is maintained using the CERT radios.



**CERT member Richard Ruh, who created the grid map system, briefs volunteers on the use of the maps. In addition to hard copies, there is an online link to the map system.**

**Monterey CERT Has A FACEBOOK Page!** Maintained by our own FEMA CERT Instructor and Old Town Team Captain Isabelle Preti, Monterey CERT maintains a FACEBOOK page. Please include the page in your FACEBOOK friends so you will see the regular postings covering our many deployments, training events and public education outings.



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Also: visit the City Of Monterey CERT website, the only authorized Monterey CERT site: [City of Monterey, CA](http://City of Monterey, CA)



## **CERT Again Deploys at Lover's Pt. In Pacific Grove After Second Shark Attack In Two Months.**

For the second time in two months, from August 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. each day, CERT deployed along the beaches at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove advising citizens to remain out of the water after a shark struck a paddle board with a man and dog on the board. FORTURNATELY, unlike the attack two months ago, both the man and dog safely made it to shore without injury. Bite marks on the paddle board indicate a Great White Shark. State guidelines call for a three-day closure of the affected area beaches. **CERT members from many communities participated during several shifts that spanned the three-day beach closure period, volunteering over 160 hours of community service!**





**Shark deployment Incident Commander Jim Pagnella is interviewed**



**Above: CERT members deploying at Lovers Pt. Below: The shark attack survivors.**



Peninsula residents should be proud to know that CERT **volunteers from many of our communities** will drop whatever they're doing at a moment's notice to assist in searching for someone they've never met, guard beaches, provide fire scene support, respond to storm emergencies and countless other needs!

**Training Refresher:** Use of the CERT Radios: Please review the video at this link prior to our October 1<sup>st</sup> drill:

<https://youtu.be/i8b3ddjur3M>

### **Monterey CERT Calendar of Events:**

**CERT refresher/update training for all members:**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Time will be 0900-1200 hrs.** Location is the City of Monterey Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the parking lot behind fire station 1 on Pacific Street. Address for GPS is 610 Pacific Street, Monterey.

**This is a very important training event as we will be reviewing basic skills, preparing for winter events and deploying to our respective neighborhood CERT containers.**

**Next CERT training for new members:** Saturdays, October 15, 22 and 29th. Time each day is 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Location will be downtown Monterey. Open to residents of the Monterey Peninsula. **No cost to participate.** To enroll, send an email of interest to: [training@montereycert.org](mailto:training@montereycert.org)

**CERT Radio Drill:** Monday, September 19th at 7 P.M. on CERT 4.

**Toro Park Area CERT:** We need at least 30 people to confirm they will participate in the course before we will request **funding from a Carmel 501.c.** If you know people who live in the **Highway 68 corridor area**, please ask them to contact CERT at: [demekastros@msn.com](mailto:demekastros@msn.com) Put "TORO CERT" in the subject line.