48 CERT Members Participate In Fire Scene Support Drill! On Tuesday, March 8th, the Monterey Peninsula CERT Organization held a fire scene support exercise. CERT provides firefighter cooling and hydration services at fire scenes, plus traffic control. A realistic fire scenario was created by our “Props Master” Isabelle Preti. Monterey Fire Department participated and provided a full-scale fire attack on the second-floor structure fire. Our sincerest thanks to MFD for their outstanding support!
CERT members provide firefighter cooling and hydration services at the March 8th exercise. This drill was a great opportunity for CERT members to work with our Monterey firefighter friends and improve our already excellent relationship. The mission of CERT at a fire scene is to provide hydration, cooling and food support to firefighters and provide traffic control services.

**Monterey CERT Organization Calendar of Events:**

**Skills refresher for all members:** Saturday, April 9th 0900-1200 hrs. Staging is the parking area to the left of fire station 1 on Pacific Street. Address for GPS is 610 Pacific Street, Monterey.

**On-air radio drill:** Monday April 11th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4

**Next CERT training for new members:** Fall of 2022. Open to residents of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel and adjacent communities. No cost to participate. To enroll, send an email of interest to: training@monereycert.org
CERT Responds To March 26th Structure Fire on Prescott Street in Monterey. On Saturday, March 26\textsuperscript{th}, a residential structure fire occurred in the 1100 Block of Prescott Street in Monterey. CERT members responded to provide a Firefighter Rehab Station. CERT also provided traffic control, thus relieving Monterey Police units on scene. Members were alerted using the CERT radio system.
Our Monterey Firefighters In Action. On Saturday, March 26th a hiker fell down a cliff in the Quarry Park in Monterey, below the 400 Block of Dry Creek Road. The subject was located approximately halfway down the cliff, in a small crevasse. Several units from the Monterey Fire Department responded and used an extensive system of ropes and pullies to reach the subject, package her for extrication and bring her up the cliff to safety. This was an outstanding demonstration of our fire department, the personnel and their high level of training and professionalism!

Above: Using a system of ropes, pullies and harnesses, our Monterey Firefighters bring a victim up a cliff after she fell and became trapped halfway down the hillside. This rescue system, referred to as High Angle/Low Angle rescue, requires a high level of training, equipment and teamwork. Our firefighters did an outstanding job of rescuing the subject. Patient and methodical, our firefighters displayed a high degree of skill & professionalism as they safely and effectively took appropriate time to conduct the rescue. Total time was about two hours. As we constantly emphasize in your CERT training, rescues can take time and safety is always a top priority.
NEW CERT GROUP BEING FORMED IN MID CARMEL VALLEY:  Training will occur:  April 2nd, 23rd and 30th.  The new team will encompass the area in Carmel Valley from Highway 1 to Garland Park. To enroll send an email of interest to:  demekastros@msn.com  Put Mid Valley CERT in the email subject line.

CERT training for TORO Park, Creekside, San Benancio , Corral De Tierra and nearby area residents:  Interested persons send an email to: demekastros@msn.com and please put TORO CERT in the subject line. Dates will be established when we have 25 people enrolled.

CERT Training Videos:  Here are some links to training videos on various aspects of Monterey CERT:

Monterey CERT Refresher 5/08/2021
https://youtu.be/CswxypaLVjM

Monterey CERT Radio Refresher 8-9-21
https://youtu.be/i8b3ddjur3M

CERT Using a Stokes Litter in a Hilly Area
https://youtu.be/Pb87AqbA1KE

Another Photo From the Nightime Drill: CERT members “Check-In” firefighters to the rehab station
A New CERT Team Is Being Formed In The Toro Park, Serra Village and Creekside Areas

Your Monterey CERT instructors have been working with area neighborhoods to assist them in forming their own CERT response groups. This benefits all areas of the Peninsula as not only do we have more trained, organized response teams, but we can help each other with “Mutual-Aid”. In addition to the Peninsula, there are outstanding CERT responders in Carmel Valley, The Santa Lucia Preserve and Big Sur. All have been trained by FEMA certified CERT instructor and Nationally registered EMT Isabelle Preti.

We are working to establish a CERT group in the Toro Park area. If you know someone who lives in the area and would want to participate, please have them email: demekastros@msn.com to express interest. Put TORO CERT in the subject line. There is no cost to enroll. Training dates will be scheduled when we have sufficient enrollment.

This training will be open to residents of Toro Park, Serra Village, Creekside, San Benancio and adjacent communities
Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms
- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

Test your alarm regularly.
Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the “test” button.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety
- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety
- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.

Escape Plan
- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Children are sometimes curious about fire.
If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

Learn more about fire prevention:
www.usfa.fema.gov
U.S. Fire Administration
FEMA