New CERT Class For Monterey Peninsula Residents will occur over three consecutive Saturdays, March 5th, 12th and 19th. Time each day is 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. We are returning to the in-person, three consecutive Saturday instruction format, subject to the Pandemic situation. There will be a strong emphasis on hands-on skills. This training for new volunteers will occur in Monterey. Participants must be a resident of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Sand City, DLI, NPS or adjacent communities. Interested persons may email: training@montereycert.org

CERT members Cynthia Byrne-Sellars and Sarah Blackstone coordinate communications at a CERT event. Monterey CERT has an advanced radio system & repeater to greatly enhance our communications.
CERT Calendar of Events:

On-air radio drill: Monday January 10th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4

CERT training for Mid-Carmel Valley residents: Saturday January 8th, 15th and 22nd 0830-1700 hrs. each day. email: demekastros@msn.com to enroll

Skills refresher for all members: Saturday February 5th from 0830-1200 hrs. Details for the location and format to be announced.

CERT training for Monterey, PG, Carmel area residents: Three consecutive Saturdays, March 5th, 12th and 19th of 2022, 0830-1700 hrs. each day Email: training@montereycert.org to enroll.

CERT training for TORO Park 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.

Training Refresher: CERT Cribbing Techniques. This 15 minute video is an excellent refresher on the standard CERT cribbing techniques. Pay particular attention to the safety guidelines the trainer discusses, especially about never placing your hands or fingers below the load.

Click this link to access the cribbing video: CERT Skills Training - Cribbing - YouTube
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.
A rare, late-season tornado outbreak affected portions of the Southern and Midwestern United States from the evening of December 10 to the early morning of December 11, 2021. The event came to fruition as a trough progressed eastward across the United States, interacting with an unseasonably moist and unstable environment across the Mississippi Valley. Tornado activity began in northeastern Arkansas, before progressing into Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The most prolific activity was caused by a long-track supercell thunderstorm that produced a family of strong tornadoes, if not a single long-track tornado, across four states. The tornadoes first touched down in northeastern Arkansas, and tracked through the Missouri Bootheel, ripping through towns such as Monette and Leachville, Arkansas, and Hayti and Caruthersville, Missouri; after crossing the Mississippi River into portions of West Tennessee, the storm eventually tore through western Kentucky, where the town of Mayfield suffered catastrophic damage. **More than ever, our Nation needs volunteer, citizen responders such as those that makeup CERT groups.**

CERT Website: [City of Monterey, CA](https://www.cityofmonterey.net/)
Angel, the CERT & Rescue Dog, Reminds You To Prepare For Your Pets In Case Of Emergency

Click this link to access the ready.gov pet preparedness website:  Prepare Your Pets for Disasters | Ready.gov

Remember that besides food for your pet, most shelters do NOT allow uncaged animals in the shelter so have a portable pet carrying case. If you have large animals, such as horses, you need to have a way to transport the animal and know where to take them in an emergency.