Monterey CERT NEWSLETTER
June 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.

The Victims Of the Horrible School Murders In Texas
“May their memory be eternal ….”

[Images of victims]
CERT Members Participate In FAA Required Monterey Airport Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Drill.

Many CERT volunteers participated as “victims”, contributing to the huge success of this training exercise.

On Tuesday, May 24th, 44 CERT Members participated in the tri-annual FAA required Monterey Airport mass casualty incident (MCI) drill. These exercises are designed to drill and test the ability of local emergency resources to respond to a plane crash or other large incident at an airport. CERT members set-up a full National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) firefighter rehabilitation station, a command post, provided 20 volunteers to serve as victims and assigned members to serve in support roles. CERT members are trained in emergency medical assessment and treatment skills, plus the FEMA CERT curriculum includes MCI training. Below: Firefighters, EMS and CERT members receive a post incident briefing.
Above: Firefighters assessing and rendering aid to the CERT volunteer “victims”.

Above: Firefighters at the rehabilitation cooling and hydration station, another service provided by CERT volunteers using the trailer, paid for by the City of Monterey.

Right: CERT liaison at the Fire Command Post. Left: CERT member working at the rehab station. MORE IMAGES AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER
Monterey CERT Calendar of Events:

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

CERT refresher/update training for all members: Saturday, October 1st. Time will be 0900-1200 hrs. Location to be announced.

June Radio Drill: Monday, June 13th at 1800 hrs. 6 PM. Tune in on CERT channel 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 501.c. If you know people who live in the Highway 68 area, please ask them to contact CERT at: training@montereycert.org

CERT Training: Vehicle Accident Scene Safety
Many hazards can exist at a traffic accident. Use EXTREME caution at this kind of scene! CERT members operating in the field may encounter a vehicle accident. As always, approach the scene with caution. Several potential hazards are present at any vehicle accident.

- Leaking fluids such as gasoline, battery acid and coolant. These fluids can ignite.
- Downed power lines that present a stepping hazard OR can electrically energize the vehicles. **REMEMBER: Always look up, down and all around!**
- Fires
- People on the ground OR beneath the vehicle
- Unstable vehicles that may roll
- Broken glass
- Other motorists not paying attention that can strike rescuers, the accident itself or other vehicles.
- Unsafe or illegal items carried in the car such as firearms, chemicals or other items.

When on a deployment, if you encounter a vehicle accident, this should be reported to 911 and CERT Command immediately. Approach the scene ONLY after assessing the potential hazards and risks and then only if you can do so safely. Operate within your CERT scope of training. At least one team member should maintain safety overview of the scene and not become directly involved in patient treatment, i.e. hold back 30’ or more for a “wide field of view”.

All these safety procedures especially require your attention if you witness or come across a vehicle accident in the normal course of your daily activities. SAFETY is paramount! Reporting the accident is vital as you cannot assume someone else has called 911. To report the accident, carefully park your vehicle in a VERY safe location, then call 911. **You are under NO legal requirement to stop** and render aid. If you do elect to stop, park well off the roadway and make your way to the accident walking along the side of the roadway, well off the paved road surface. **REMEMBER: Call 911 to report the accident after safely parking and before leaving your own vehicle. We call this “Activating the Fire & EMS System”**.
A CERT Member was the first on scene at this recent vehicle accident, with airbags activated, on Carmel Valley Road. The CERT volunteer assured another driver was calling 911 to report the accident, then proceeded to render aid.

An accident can occur in your presence at any time, so always be prepared and REMEMBER THAT THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND ANY VICTIMS IS PRIORITY ONE! Park your vehicle safely, well off the roadway. Call for help after safely parking. **Do not attempt to call 911 while driving.** If you decide to render aid, make your way to the accident away from the paved surface, well off the roadway. Other drivers may be distracted by the accident and not watching where they all going. Secondary accidents from distracted drivers are common at accident scenes so never presume others are watching out from your safety.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT SAFELY APPROACHING AN ACCIDENT, PARK SAFELY OR IF ON A FREEWAY, PROCEED TO AN EXIT, PARK SAFELY AND CALL 911. ACTIVATING THE FIRE AND EMS SYSTEM SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE FIRST ACTION YOU TAKE AT AN ACCIDENT, FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY.**