HOME SAFE!!!  CERT Deploys To Assist In Search For Missing Child in Marina. On Saturday, April 2\textsuperscript{nd} at approximately 2100 hrs. the Monterey Peninsula Regional CERT program was activated at the request of the Marina, CA Police Department. Purpose was to assist in a search for a missing six-year-old child with autism. Staging was the intersection of Beach Road and Deforest in the City of Marina. The CERT trailer was also deployed to Staging. Members were formed into teams and deployed to what became four separate search grids in Marina neighborhoods. Prior to deployment, CERT Command assured each member had a radio and flashlight. CERT radio channel 3 was used to coordinate the search. CERT assigned a liaison to the Marina PD command post to provide seamless communication with the overall effort. Radio communications were maintained with the Sheriff's Search & Rescue unit. The search was a huge effort, combining the resources of several Peninsula area agencies. At approximately 12 midnight, the child was located in the area of the Marina Airport, thus bringing the effort to a successful conclusion.
CERT at the ICP (Incident Command Post). The CERT trailer is shown in the background next to the Marina Police ICP. The CERT trailer provides a command post for CERT, generators, lights, a cell phone, communications, a copy machine, maps, reflective orange traffic cones and numerous other items to allow us to maintain a professional level Command Post. In addition to establishing search areas and assigning teams, the most important job of the ICP is to track and assure all CERT members participating are safe and accounted for at all times. The Incident Command System (ICS) was used to assign teams and track personnel.

55 CERT Members Attend Training On Saturday April 9th! In yet another outstanding example of the extreme community support shown by CERT volunteers, 55 members of the Monterey Peninsula CERT program attended a training session to learn new skills and reinforce existing training.

City Of Monterey CERT website (The Only Official Monterey CERT Site) https://monterey.org/city_hall/fire/preparedness/cert_program.php
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.

May Radio Drill: Monday, May 9th at 1800 hrs. 6 PM. Tune in on CERT channel 4. Theme: A major event has hit our area. Be ready to make reports.

Toro Park CERT: We are hoping to form a CERT group in the Toro Park, Creekside, Sarah Village area along the Salinas Highway. We need at least 30 people to confirm they will participate in the course. If you know people who live in this area, please ask them to have their Homeowner’s Association Presidents contact CERT so we forward information on the training and encourage enrollment.

Many Americans Keep A Gun At Home. California State law and good common sense require that you keep your gun secure and inaccessible to children and persons other than yourself. Good safety practices:

1. Keep your gun safely secured, away from children. If a child finds a gun and injures themselves or others, this is a tragedy and you can be charged with a serious crime.
2. Always handle a gun safely. Whenever handling a gun, first check to assure it is unloaded. Just because the magazine is out of a semi-automatic pistol or rifle, does not guarantee there is NOT a round in the chamber. You are responsible for injuries, death or damage that result from the unsafe handling of a gun.
3. Discharging a firearm in the air in celebration is illegal.
4. When transporting a gun in a vehicle, such as to and from a shooting range, you must have all firearms unloaded and in a locked container, separate from ammunition.
5. For a much more complete document on gun safety, consult the Department of Justice Firearm Safety Certificate study guide: Firearm Safety Certificate Study Guide SEE IMAGE ON THE NEXT PAGE.....
Make sure all children know the **four things** to do if they see a gun! Source: California State DOJ Gun Safety Certificate Guide

1. **STOP**
The first step is crucial to allow your child the time to remember the rest of the safety instructions.

2. **DON’T TOUCH**
A firearm that is not touched cannot endanger your child or other people.

3. **RUN AWAY**
This removes your child from the area where the firearm is located as well as temptation to touch the firearm.

4. **TELL A GROWN-UP**
Children should seek a nearby trustworthy adult, neighbor relative or teacher, if a parent or guardian is not available.