59 CERT Members Attend October 1st Training! On Saturday, October 1st, Monterey CERT held a semi-annual training exercise for CERT graduates. Staging was at the EOC. CERT members were organized into three teams and rotated between three training stations at 40 minute intervals. The training reinforced basic skills in rescuing a trapped victim, assessment, treatment and transportation of an injured person and radio skills. Upon completion of the three training rotations, members were deployed to their neighborhood CERT containers to meet their Zone Captains and review the container inventories. A total of 236 hours of volunteer time was accumulated!

Photo below: CERT members transport an injured victim during the October 1st drill.

More images at the end of this newsletter.
On September 3rd CERT received a request from the Monterey Fire Department to provide traffic control services at the scene of a tree and power lines down on Josselyn Canyon Road in Monterey. Several members deployed with the CERT trailer. Upon assessing the scene, CERT members realized that connecting power lines were down in several adjoining residential neighborhoods. CERT members went door to door to warn residents to remain in their homes as there was a significant danger from downed wires in the area. **We also encountered residences where the occupants relied on vital medical devices.** CERT supplied generators overnight to residents so they could continue to operate their medical equipment. Two generators were supplied from the CERT trailer, with additional generators brought to the scene from neighborhood CERT containers. Power remained off in the area for 18 hours. **The important lesson here is to carefully assess the scene as the initial impressions may NOT present a complete picture of the situation!**

Photo Above: CERT volunteers & trailer deployed at Josselyn Canyon Road and Deer Forest Drive, Monterey
IAN! The Entire State of Florida Was Impacted by Hurricane IAN. Hurricane IAN is rapidly becoming one of the most destructive events to ever impact the U.S. Millions of Americans have been impacted in both Florida and South Carolina. Countless homes and businesses have been destroyed and there has been significant loss of human life. Thousands required rescue. This event continues even now and underscores the need for every community and citizen to be well prepared for emergency events. Power remains off for many in Florida. CERT trained citizens are a vital part of the emergency response.

Emergency Preparedness Begins At Home! The most basic preparation every citizen can make is to have sufficient awareness and supplies at home. First and foremost, when told to evacuate …. EVACUATE! Have non-perishable food and water on hand, 30 days is recommended but as much as you can practicably store. Document every item and room in your home with detailed photographs so you can clearly demonstrate to your insurance company what was lost in a disaster. Keep copies of these photos and important documents in a secure location, such as a bank safe deposit box, so you will always have access.
Consider installing an emergency generator that runs on natural gas as a gasoline powered generator requires constant trips to the gas station which may not be available. For more information on disaster preparedness, consult the FEMA website at:  [How to Build a Kit for Emergencies | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/how-build-kit-emergencies)

**Training: CERT Container Locations:** All CERT members should be familiar with the location of their neighborhood CERT containers as these locations will serve as area Staging Centers when an emergency occurs and all forms of alert communications are compromised, such as occurred last week in Florida. Power, cell phones and land lines remain down over wide areas of Florida. CERT serves as the eyes and ears of the City Staff in the EOC when a disaster strikes and all forms of communications are down. The CERT radio system, which has a base-radio in the Monterey EOC and all containers, will work with direct station to station channels regardless of the severity of the emergency or whether or not power is operating.

**Staging areas at 12 locations**

- **SKYLINE:** Skyline Drive & Huckleberry Drive
- **OLD TOWN:** Van Buren & Madison Street
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- **MONTE VISTA:** Monte Vista School, Soledad Drive

- **OAK GROVE:** Monterey Peninsula College, behind the Adaptive P.E. building

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- **NEW MONTEREY:** Hilltop Community Center on Devisadero Street & David Avenue

- **CONA:** Casanova Oak - Knoll Community Center on Ramona & Airport Road
Staging areas at 12 locations

• Dela Vina & Montecito Street- In the parking lot behind the fire station

• FOOTHILL: Foothill School on Olmsted Road- Walkway to the far south of the buildings

Staging areas at 12 locations

• Pacific Grove Fire Station, Monterey FD Station #4, 600 Pine Street, P.G.

• Del Monte Beach at the Spray Ave. Tot Lot
If You Have Not Recently Visited Your Neighborhood CERT Container, Contact Your Area Zone Captain:

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DV Dela Vina PG Pacific Grove
FH Foothill SL Skyline
MH Monterey High
MV Monte Vista
CV Carmel Valley

Review of the CERT Radios: Our CERT radio system is quite advanced and allows CERT members to have communications across the entire Peninsula Region. All members must be well versed in the use of the radios as they are our primary method of communications and for the safe accounting of CERT members in the field. Consult this video link for a CERT radio tutorial: https://youtu.be/i8b3ddjur3M

Channels

• 1 – CERT 1
• 2 – CERT 2
• 3 – CERT 3
• 4 – CERT 4 (CERT Comm)
• 5 – CERT 5
• 11-15 – MURS 1-MURS 5*
• 10 and 16-55 – Coast Guard and Misc. Emerg Svcs

*MURS = Multi-Use Radio Service
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.

Also: visit the City Of Monterey CERT website, the only authorized Monterey CERT site:  City of Monterey, CA
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@monereycert.org

CERT Radio Drill: Monday, October 10th 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 Put “TORO CERT” in the subject line.

More Images From Our October 1st CERT Training