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
25 CERT Members Respond For Structure Fire Support.
On November 18th, CERT was activated to provide fire scene support at a structure fire on Josselyn Canyon Road. 25 members responded and immediately established a firefighter rehab station to provide hydration, food and cooling support to the two dozen firefighters on scene. CERT members also provided traffic control at multiple locations, relieving several police units.

Massive COMCAST Outage Strikes Monterey County And The Entire Country!  Last month, COMCAST subscribers across America, including thousands in Monterey County, experienced a disconnect of their service for several hours. Many people receive their TV, internet and telephone service from COMCAST. Subscribers can lose their telephone during a power outage or interruption in service. Any phone service can go down, so be prepared to act if you lose your home phone. Possible solutions are making sure you have a cell phone service different from your home phone service. Keep your cell phone charged. When phone service is out, you cannot call 911, so be prepared!
45 CERT Members Attend Weekend Rescue Training! On Saturday, November 13th, 45 CERT members attended training held in Veterans Memorial Park. The goal of this exercise was to train CERT citizen responders in how to rescue a victim in a canyon, gully or other rural entrapment. CERT volunteers learned rope use and knots, safe techniques for approaching a victim on a sloped topography, packaging the patient in “Stokes Litters” (Basket Stretchers) and working as a team to extricate the victim to a safe location.

Monterey CERT members use a Stokes Litter and ropes to pull a victim up a slope in a forest environment.

CERT volunteer instructors begin training in the use of Stokes Litters
CERT Calendar of Events:

On-air radio drill: Monday December 13th 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 Refresher: The CERT Member’s Role in Fire Safety. Click this link to view an important video:

CERT Training: The CERT Member's Role in Fire Safety - YouTube

Monterey CERT members training with a fire extinguisher on a “Live Fire”

Next CERT Radio Drill: Monday December 13th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4
A New CERT Team Is Being Formed In the Mid-Carmel Valley Area!

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 Village, The Santa Lucia Preserve and Big Sur. All have been trained by FEMA certified CERT instructor and Nationally registered EMT Isabelle Preti.

Funding has been secured to establish a CERT group in the Mid Carmel Valley 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. There is no cost to enroll. The training occurs January 8th, 15th and 22nd 2022.

The new Mid Carmel Valley CERT group will be located in the region around Tierra Grande, the Mid Valley Shopping Center, Carmel Valley Ranch, the Mid Valley Fire Station and the adjoining areas!
Carmel CERT Participates in City’s Birthday Parade

Remember our local coastal communities and beachfront areas are all in a tsunami zone.
City Of Monterey Has A CERT Webpage. This webpage gives valuable, updated information about CERT and how to become a part of our outstanding program and links to our monthly newsletters. Direct link: https://www.monterey.org/city_hall/fire/preparedness/cert_program.php

Also visit our FACEBOOK page titled “Monterey CERT”

Another Image From The Nov. 13th Training. Note how the members are using a rope to guide the lower end of the Stokes Litter.