City Of Monterey Has A CERT Webpage. Thanks to the hard work of City of Monterey Public Information Officer Laurie Huelga, the City has an updated and modern webpage for CERT. It is located on the City website, monterey.org, under the category “Services”, sub category “Emergency Resources, Join CERT”. This webpage gives valuable, updated information about CERT and how to become a part of our outstanding program. There are links to our monthly newsletters. The direct link to the webpage is: https://www.monterey.org/city_hall/fire/preparedness/cert_program.php

Monterey CERT Graduates New Class! In October, Monterey CERT graduated our latest class of new volunteers. This group includes two new members for our Monterey High School Teen CERT group! Thanks to our outstanding Lead Instructor Isabelle Preti and Assistant Lisa Alameda.
Training Refresher: What Should I Keep In My CERT Back-Pack?

CERT graduates are issued a helmet, vest and back-pack upon completion of their training. It is important to have some useful items in your back-pack, but it is also important not to make it too heavy. Monterey CERT suggests two basic sets of equipment. Keep your helmet and vest in your backpack, together with one small bottle of water, a protein bar, small flashlight and a writing pad with pen or pencil. We also recommend having extra Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) face masks, eye protection and disposable, rubber gloves. If you carry an inhaler for a respiratory condition, “Epi-pen” for allergic reactions or other emergency medications, carry these in your back-pack AND make sure at least one team member knows you have those medications with you. Keep additional items in your vehicle such as simple tools, work gloves, binoculars, devices to secure utilities and a change of clothes so these are available to you if they become necessary. Carrying too many items in your back-pack can become cumbersome on a search or other detail where extra items may not be necessary. If you own a CERT radio, keep that with you when on a deployment.

Next CERT Radio Drill: Monday November 8th at 7 P.M. on CERT Channel 4

If you want to review the use of our radios, go to this link:

https://youtu.be/i8b3ddjur3M
Monterey CERT has a FACEBOOK page. Monterey CERT now maintains a FACEBOOK page under the title of “Monterey CERT”. Catchy, don’t you think! Please take a moment to review and perhaps “Friend” the Monterey FACEBOOK page as it contains updated information on our CERT program.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED at all CERT events until further notice. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in order to assure the safety of all members, City of Monterey policy and good safety practice requires that everyone present at any CERT event, whether a deployment, meeting or training, be wearing a mask while at the event.

Next Class For New Students will begin in the Spring of 2022. Participants must be a resident of Monterey, PG, Carmel, Sand City, DLI, NPS or adjacent communities. Interested persons may email: training@montereycert.org

Next Skills Refresher for all CERT graduates will be Feb 5th

A “victim” is treated by CERT trainees (Injuries are simulated, 2018)
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 is tentatively scheduled to begin in January of 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!
CERT Head-To-Toe Assessment. View this short video to refresh your skills and knowledge on how to perform a head-to-toe assessment of an injured person. This is conducted AFTER you have examined the patient for the “Killers” in your initial assessment. The killers are BREATHING, SEVERE BLEEDING AND SHOCK.

GO TO THIS LINK:
CERT Training: Demonstrating Head-to-Toe Assessment - YouTube

CERT Across America!

The Fresno CERT Team members were both guests of the Fresno Fire Department for the annual Firefighter for a Day event, and rehab responders for two major fires in October.

Monterey CERT regularly networks with the Fresno team and other CERT groups across California to exchange ideas, learn from each other and make all our programs better.

The best part of any CERT program is the people who devote their time and efforts to serve the community!