27 CERT MEMBERS RESPOND TO ALERT FOR MISSING PERSON SEARCH IN PACIFIC GROVE.  On Monday, September 6th at 6:57 P.M. a CERT Alert was activated at the request of the Pacific Grove Police Department. CERT was requested to assist in a search for a missing, at-risk elderly subject. Twenty-seven members arrived to Staging at the fire station on Pine Avenue in Pacific Grove. As teams were being organized and briefed, the subject was located and reported to be safe. Other members were still enroute so a second alert was sent cancelling the request for CERT. Another outstanding example of the commitment CERT members show to our communities.
MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED at all CERT events until further notice. Due to the uncertainty of 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.

RADIO TRAINING. In August, CERT Trainer Greg Netzorg conducted a ZOOM based training on the use of our radio system. For those of you who were unable to attend or if you wish to review the training, Greg has uploaded a video of that training session to our YouTube page. To access the radio training video, click on this link: [https://youtube.be/i8b3ddjur3M](https://youtube.be/i8b3ddjur3M)

Winter Season Is Approaching. The calendar tells us that winter is approaching. There are several common-sense preparations to make that will enhance your preparedness. Down power lines are common across our area, so remember to treat EVERY down wire line as a potentially deadly threat. The ground can be energized around a down wire. ISOLATE, DENY ENTRY AND STAY AWAY!! For more winter preparedness guidelines, consult this FEMA website:

[www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather)

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

Next Skills Refresher for all CERT graduates will be in February of 2022.
We Have a HUGE Improvement In Our Grid Maps! Over a year ago, we developed a grid map system to make it much easier for CERT teams to find their assigned area of operations. These maps also made it much easier for CERT Command to keep track of where teams were operating. The maps helped, but were enlargements of basic street maps made on a copy machine. Thanks to CERT volunteer and Carmel Team member Richard Rue, our maps have now been dramatically improved! Using computer graphics, Richard has produced high resolution maps of Monterey, PG and Carmel. These maps will greatly enhance our search & rescue assignments. Our deepest thanks to Richard for his many hours of work to improve our maps.
Monterey High School J-ROTC Chief to Retire. Part of Monterey CERT is the team at Monterey High School. All are outstanding members of the J-ROTC program. The team has an equipment cache, radios and is ready to respond to any emergency at the school. Their supervisor and mentor has been former Navy Chief Petty Officer John Mastrangelo. Chief Mastrangelo has been a superior leader and role model. His leadership has inspired many young people to not only pursue a possible future in the U.S. Navy, but to also be members of the high school Teen CERT. So outstanding is the dedication and commitment of Chief Mastrangelo that on September 17, 2019 then Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer recognized the Chief in a personal letter of commendation. We congratulation the Chief on his planned retirement as wish him all the best!
CERT Across America!

The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department CERT was on duty September 25-26th at the California Capital Airshow in Rancho Cordova near Sacramento. Monterey CERT networks with this and many other CERTs across California to exchange information and ideas. For example, we modeled our firefighter re-hab capability after what the Fresno CERT does and they modeled their search and rescue response after what Monterey CERT does.