

Santa Cruz Mountains CERTs Disaster Training Exercise



Saturday & Sunday, September 16th & 17th, CalFire Training Camp

Mountain CERT Disaster Simulation Exercise

- **Event Name:** Mountain CERT Disaster Simulation Exercise
- **Hosts:** The Mountain CERT Steering Committee, with assistance from CalFire, the CERT Auxiliary of Santa Cruz County, the American Red Cross, the San Lorenzo Valley Amateur Radio Emergency Services group, and Sacramento CERT
- **Location:** CalFire Training Facility, 13575 Empire Grade, Bonny Doon
- **Date & Time:** Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th, 8 am check in on Saturday, September 16th, optional overnight camping, final Hotwash concludes around 12:30 on Sunday. Food details to follow.
- **Maximum # of Students:** 50 Mountain CERTs, there will be a waiting list
- **Requirements:** Please wear long pants, hard-soled shoes or boots, bring your CERT pack, helmets, gloves, and dress for the weather. Bring camping gear if you plan to spend the night. Other requirements to follow. ***If you are not properly attired, you will not be able to participate!***
- **Questions:** Contact Julie Wuest, juliewuestcert@gmail.com

Event Description:

Please join us for an important CERT Disaster Simulation Exercise, which will involve team members from Santa Cruz Mountain CERT teams participating together in a joint training exercise. This event is unique in that it will give Mountain CERTs the opportunity not only to get to know neighboring Mountain CERTs but other emergency agencies they may be working with in an actual disaster. These agencies include:

- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- The American Red Cross
- Local volunteer fire teams
- The Santa Cruz Office of Emergency Services
- Special Guests: The Sacramento CERTs

During this training exercise, you will have an opportunity to practice your skills:

- Incident Command and Communications
- Damaged Building Search and Rescue
- Emergency Medical Treatment
- Heavy Cribbing
- Trapped Victim Rescue
- Outdoors Search & Rescue (Dusk)
- Setting up an Emergency Shelter
- Hazards Obstacle Course

To give CERTs the best possible training experience, we are offering some optional training exercises ahead of this event. These exercises and training opportunities should be viewed as a chance to learn and hone skills that may be important in an actual disaster. It will be a learning opportunity for everyone!.

Overnight camping is encouraged to get the maximum benefit from this event.