

CERT Auxiliary Working Group Meeting Summary—May 10, 2017

Item	Presenter(s)	Action	Notes
Welcome	Mary		<p>Present:</p> <p>Liz Taylor-Selling, Felton, Team Leader; Auxiliary, Board Member JoAnn McDonnell, LaSelva, Team Leader; Auxiliary, Secretary, Registrar Lizanne Jensen, Team Bonny Doon; Auxiliary, Board Member John Lippman, Santa Cruz; Auxiliary, Board Member Hank Moeller, Bonny Doon, Team Leader Mary Edmund, Seacliff, Team Leader; Auxiliary, Treasurer, Executive Dir. Sean Kellythorne, Felton Catherine Green, UCSC, Team Leader Greig Rose, ALSFD Action Group; Auxiliary, President, Team Seacliff George Wright, Team Aptos Knoll; Paul Horvat, Santa Cruz Fire Protection District, Santa Cruz, Team Leader Diana Hayden, Team Seacliff</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Ken Jensen, Team Bonny Doon Todd Skrabak, Aptos/LaSelva Branch Manager Ed Olson, Team Bonny Doon Ray Soler, Felton Jamshid Kiani, American Red Cross Rosemary Anderson, Emergency Services Manager, Santa Cruz County Ed Banks, Watsonville, Team Leader Ken Braly, Aptos Knoll, Team Leader; Auxiliary Webmaster Kevin Foster, Boulder Creek, Team Leader Anna Marie Gotti, Capitola, American Red Cross Bill Monroe, Team Boulder Creek Dick Lovelace, Paradise Park, Team Leader</p>

BASIC	JoAnn	Update	<p>Felton class graduated 22 participants. Future Spring classes starting date: Watsonville – started -- through 27 May Santa Cruz – May 18th Corralitos –June 1st at risk – low enrollment</p> <p>There is a summer break from instruction in July and August. Classes will resume mid- September through November. Another Train the Trainer class is necessary to have adequate instructors for classes throughout the County. ACTION: Todd will look into ways of funding a class. A suggestion was made that trained instructors lose their teaching credential if they are inactive for 2 years.</p>
Adv/Rec			<p>The next Advanced Training and Certification/renewal of DSW badges will be in June 15). Topic is review of Disaster Medical Operations with hands-on-head to toe assessment, splinting, and wound care.</p>
Family Disaster Readiness Training	Greig	Information	<p>Greig Rose has developed a 1 1/2 @ hour Family Readiness Training focusing on how families may prepare for and minimize the effects of earthquake, windstorm and other disasters. The first class taught in Spanish in Watsonville was well received with 17 adults and 7 children. Classes will resume in the Fall.</p>
Core Curriculum for Basic Training		Action	<p>Instructors are teaching with many different sets of slides, some to FEMA standard with some outdated information and additional topics. Establishing a core curriculum assures all students receive the same basic information-standardization lends credibility. Instructors to review units they have taught over the summer. John Lippman, Greig Rose will co-chair the committee with help from LizAnne Jensen.</p>
Public Information Box		Information	<p>Public Information Box (PIB) is available with necessary flyers, handouts, and promotional items. For reserving it for tabling, etc. Contact: Mary Edmund at medmund4@gmail.com. Felton Area also has a PIB available to North County CERTs, contact Liz Taylor Selling at madwoman@cruzio.com</p>

CERT Council		Update	<p>CERT Council is working on CERT mobilization policy. All fire agencies to participate in the new structure as they are the communications/logistics link with the County CERT Program. Each Fire Service Area (<i>map attached</i>) will have a Branch Manager (preliminarily list attached) working directly with CERT Team Leaders. Each region will determine their specific requirements for activation and use of CERT resources.</p> <p>Need to establish responsibility and expectations for Branch Managers and Team Leaders. Discussion planned for next WG meeting in June.</p> <p>The Council requested Working Group recommendations for additional requirements or levels of CERT. There was a free-flowing discussion of possibilities with the suggestion that there would be 3 levels. 1 - Those who want to help their family and friends, 2 – Those who want to also help their neighborhood, 3 – Those who also want to help other neighborhood or different parts of the County.</p>
Consistent Terms		Discussion	<p>Using Team for the CERT group and team for the small units making up the group is confusing. WG agreed to use Team (and Team Leader) for the large Group and squads for the groups of 3-7 people. The organizational structure is Office of Emergency Services Director -- Branch Manager of Fire Service Area – Team Leader of the Area Group – which is made up of squads. Recommend using a geographic area for the Team name.</p>
Code of Conduct	Judy, LizAnne	Delay	<p>The draft Code of Conduct was created based on review of other CERT Programs throughout State. Draft document held in abeyance until mobilization plan is completed.</p>
American Red Cross	Jamshid	Information	<p>Red Cross is developing a training module – Edge -- that will track all advanced training with individuals having their own account. CERT members are invited to use this application by registering on the Red Cross site. <i>This should be available in the next several months.</i> Classes to be monitored include: Disaster Services Overview, Shelter Fundamentals (on-line), Psychological First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness, as well as</p>

			FEMA Independent Studies (IS) courses. Red Cross will notify us when the application is available for CERT member use without formally joining the Red Cross. Red Cross will also teach a Shelter Management class throughout the county if there are 10 people interested in the course.
CERT Trailer		Information	The City of Santa Cruz has a trailer filled with necessary equipment and supplies for teaching CERT Basic. It is available for other areas to use. Contact: Paul Horvat at phorvat@cityofsantacruz.com
Free Conference Calling			To set up free conference calling (works great for 2-4 people) -- website "freeconferencecalling.com".
Call-em-all			To set up calls or texts automatically for activation or monthly drills, you may buy credits or monthly plan. Information at website "callemall.com".
Strategic Plan		No change	The Strategic Plan was reviewed. All leads updated the group on progress on the 3 primary strategic goals and discussed changes, as necessary
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Important Dates			Watsonville Basic Class – Wednesdays, May 17, 24 (6:30-9:30 pm) at Watsonville Community Center, 120 2 nd St., Watsonville, and Saturday, May 27 (8-5) at the Watsonville Firehouse # 1 at Rodriquez and 2 nd St. (across the street from the Community Center) Santa Cruz – May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15 (6-10 pm) at the Santa Cruz EOC, 495 Upper Park Rd. Santa Cruz Corralitos Basic Class – Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 (6:30-9:30 pm) at the Rancho Corralitos MHP, 270 Hames Rd and Saturday, June 24 (8-5) at the CalFire Station, 120 Eureka Canyon Rd, Watsonville (at risk low enrollment) Advanced Training and CERT Recertification –Thursday, June 15 th at 6:30 at Aptos/LaSelva Firehouse at 6934 Soquel Ave. Head to Toe, Wound Care and Splinting will be reviewed.,

Next Meeting -- Wednesday, June 14th (8:30-10 AM) Aptos/LaSelva Firehouse

