

CERT Working Committee Meeting Notes

May 16, 2018

Welcome and introductions

CERT Coordinator/Management – Margaret Romiti –

1.1 Reviewed the Renaissance Apartment (the Galindo Fire) which lasted 3 days. Galindo Street, Willow Pass Road and Clayton Road were closed during the event. The ATF-Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, CCC Hazmat and Concord PD provided mutual aid and Unified Command with ConFire. Some 250 residents in the apartment building next door were evacuated. A neighborhood bar stayed open all night however Toby Nelson, the “Disaster Pastor” at the Todos Santos Plaza First Presbyterian Church opened his facility so that volunteers could provide shelter and food. Red Cross provided hotel vouchers as needed. Animal Services considered providing their mobile adoption van and CART staff to house displaced pets but instead delivered crates to the shelter in case animals any needed to be contained.

1.2 Bay Area CERT Coalition, a newly formed committee met in SF with regional CERT workgroup representatives from Monterey to Marin County. (Contra Costa County CERT had the most participants.) Program information (new and existing) were shared.

1.3 C-8 Leadership change. Margaret Romiti has stepped down but remains the state representative. Danielle Bell, from San Ramon Fire CERT, will take the lead.

LISTOS/ Spanish CERT – Fadua Galdamez –

2.1 The spring CERT in Spanish class completed. Listos is ongoing and Richmond will have a class.

Operations –Rod Scheer –

3.0 The CERT graduation exercise is to be held on Sat., May 19 at ConFire (Treat Blvd.). Additional assistance by CERT graduates is needed and greatly appreciated!

Planning/Intelligence – Peg Gardner –

4.2.1 Communications Al Limberg announced a “pajama drill” for Concord, a combined CERT/CARES radio practice exercise scheduled for **June 23**. FRS radios at (your) home will communicate with ham radio operators for a mock (training) disaster. Expect email instructions. There will be a gift for CERTs who complete the drill and deliver their paper documentation to Al on that day!

4.2.2 A Ham Cram class will be held Sat., **June 2** in Walnut Creek by Rossmoor CERT. Please RSVP to Dick DuBey KJ6CWQ at 925-876-0125 to participate.

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Logistics – Elaine Baker –

5.2 Carmen Estrada – A Pet Preparedness lecture will be held Wednesday, May 22 at the Concord PD from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Administration/Finance – Gina Scheer –

6.1 CERT (Spring) Basic Training class is completed. **Next Basic class begins Sept. 13.** Tell your friends and neighbors!

6.2 Assistance is needed for the summer Thursday night concerts/farmers market in Todos Santos Plaza. If you show up in CERT gear (vest and helmet or at least your vest) you can receive a raffle ticket for the annual drawing in November.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30

Notes by Patty Waddington