

# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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CLASS 1



### President's Message

By Peter Petrelis

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Congratulations to the 2011  
CERT Graduates!

Thank you to all of the CERT  
members who worked so hard to  
make the July Disaster Living

Class and the 2011 Graduation such a  
spectacular event. A special recognition to Tara  
Fort and her Shelter Team for their success in  
coordinating this class. Also, thanks to Logistics  
Team, Cooking Team, Color (Communication)  
Team and Southern California Animal Rescue  
Team (SCART) for their contributions of time and  
skills.

Thank you to Sue Bonner from Earthquake  
Management, 15031 Goldenwest Circle,  
Westminster, CA [www.earthquake-  
management.com](http://www.earthquake-management.com) 714-893-7228 for generously  
donating the door prizes.

I hope that all of the 120 members of the CERT  
class of 2011 as well as the members of the 2010  
class who completed the basic CERT training will  
decide to continue training to become HB Fire  
Department Volunteers and participate in the  
many CERT events.

Referring to the class members and our CERT  
program, Brevyn Mettler, HB Emergency  
Services Coordinator, stated:

"I would like to thank everyone for your help  
today. In my time here, I cannot remember a  
better graduation and more motivated group of  
graduates. I believe we have the opportunity to  
bring some excellent volunteers into our ranks.  
Everyone did a great job; the classes were  
informative; the food was exceptional; and  
everyone had a great time. Thanks Again!!!!"

August has been a very busy month. While I  
was on vacation the first week of August, CERT  
participated in the 2011 National Night Out on  
August 2 from 5pm to 9pm at the Huntington  
Beach Target store parking lot. The event was  
sponsored by Target and the Huntington Beach  
Police Department. Brevyn provided the  
Emergency Response trailer and the Fire  
Department provided a fire engine. The Police  
Department was represented by Officer McGruff,  
a police vehicle, Volunteers In Policing Service  
(VIPS) and Retired Senior Volunteer Program  
(RSVP). Over 300 persons attended the well-  
received event. The CERT Booth Team led by  
Roy Alzua and staffed by 14 team members  
provided survival literature and answered many

questions. Big thanks for a job well done by the  
team!

CERT was requested on short notice to staff a  
Fire Department EMS booth July 29 through  
August 7 during the US Open Surfing Contest.  
Mike Reyes, Disaster Service Worker (DSW)  
Manager coordinated the staffing of 23 two  
person shifts for this CERT activity. This was a  
large undertaking and helped us realize the many  
tasks CERT may be called upon to support.  
Thanks for another job well done by Mike and this  
outstanding team of CERT volunteers.

The next scheduled event that CERT will  
support is Senior Saturday on September 10 at  
the HB Pier entrance area. CERT provides  
logistic support to the Senior Center in setting up  
and tearing down the many vendor booths and  
also staffs a CERT information booth. Volunteers  
interested in supporting this event, should contact  
Gerard Charles, logistics team leader at  
[KI6LYP@yahoo.com](mailto:KI6LYP@yahoo.com) or contact me at  
[pgpworks@verizon.net](mailto:pgpworks@verizon.net)

**Please note that the September CERT  
management meeting will be held on  
September 8, (instead of September 1) at  
6:00pm in the EOC.**

### Upcoming Events

- **September 8, 2011** - 6:00pm:  
Management Meeting in the EOC open to  
all HB CERT Members. **NOTE: the date  
change.**
- **September 10, 2011 Senior Saturday  
(see included flyer, page 6)**
- **October 6, 2011** - 6:00pm: Management  
Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT  
Members.

### CPR Classes

Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for  
free and non-FireMed customers can take  
classes for a fee. Dates are listed below:

- Saturday, Sept 17, 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Wednesday, Oct 12, 6 to 9 p.m
- Saturday, Oct 29, 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Wednesday, Nov 9, 6 to 9 p.m
- Saturday, Nov 19, 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Saturday, Dec 10, 9:30am to 12:30pm

To enroll in CPR classes, call 800-400-4277.  
Class location is in the HB area and exact  
location given at time of enrollment.

## Disaster Preparedness Speakers Available

It is time to schedule a Disaster Preparedness Presentation for your neighborhood, business, school, civic organization or church. This is a perfect way to introduce our "Save-A-Life" Saturday Classes to the residents of Huntington Beach. It is easy and it is FREE!

### Five Simple Steps:

1. Find a place to host an hour-long presentation given by a trained Hbfd CERT Volunteer Speaker.
2. Choose a convenient date and time for your group.
3. Call the CERT Message Line (714-536-5974) or the CERT website at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert) (click on left column "schedule disaster presentation"). Please give us at least three weeks notice and we will do our best to accommodate your group.
4. CERT will provide a flyer to distribute to your neighborhood or group.
5. Provide simple refreshments to be enjoyed at the end of the meeting. Our CERT Speaker will provide all printed material and even bring a door prize for your guests.

### CERT Database

Fire Department Volunteers (CERT members) have the opportunity to be added to the new CERT database by contacting me to update their information. E-mail Peter Petrelis at [pgpworks@verizon.net](mailto:pgpworks@verizon.net)

### Tracking CERT Volunteer Hours

By Virginia Petrelis

At the July 7, 2011 Executive Board meeting, it was decided to change the CERT year from the current September 1 -- August 31 to January 1 -- December 31. In 2012 the volunteer hours will include those from September 1 to December 31, 2011. It is important to keep a record of all CERT volunteer hours. Please record all hours (including driving time) no matter how few. Every hour counts! Please send your hours to me at [vapworks@yahoo.com](mailto:vapworks@yahoo.com)

In these days of dwindling City budgets, it's especially important that our City realize the value of the resources invested in CERT volunteers and the need to continue supporting our program.

### US Open of Surfing 2011, CERT Participation

Mike Reyes

Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Manager

During the latter part of July and right through the first week of August our CERT Team provided support to the Huntington Beach Fire Department's Medical Treatment Area at the US Open of Surfing on the beach near the pier. During the ten day event, 21 Fire Department Volunteers formed two-person teams filling 23 shifts to share the responsibility of maintaining the emergency services medical treatment area. Our primary mission was to maintain a holding

area for seriously injured or ill persons awaiting medical transportation. However, as the week progressed, the CERT team's mission expanded into an informative venue for visitors, a place where people could rest safely and where lost children could feel comforted until they were reunited with their families. We truly performed our mission with humanitarian intent to make this US Open a safe and friendly place to visit.

Way to go CERT Team Volunteers: Roy Alzua, Linda Sheaffer, Raji Shunmugavel, Richard Batistelli, Ken Mailman, Carol Burtis, Justin Burtis, Arthur "Pete" Young, Linda Vircks, Judyth Lance, Cynthia Goebel, Theresa Schwartz, Loretta Lee, Michael Depin, Cindy McDaniel, Cherah Urban, Noreen Yoshida-Peer, Gerard Charles, Mike Reyes, Maggie Reyes, Anthony Reyes.

### CERT Family Good News



Hello, my name is Anthony Reyes and I have been a Huntington Beach Fire Department Volunteer for the past two years. I attend Santa Ana

College and have just finished my first semester of their Fire Science Program. My long term goal is to receive a degree in Fire Science and then apply for a firefighter position here in Orange County.

I suppose I share my passion to help people along with my parents. My mother volunteers at the Rogers Senior Center and has completed this year's Huntington Beach CERT Basic Training. My father, a Fire Department Volunteer, is the Disaster Service Worker Manager for Huntington Beach CERT. I suppose we're a family committed to helping the community.

The CERT teams I have participated in include the Logistics and Sandbagging Teams. The Logistics Team activates whenever a CERT function occurs and I assist with the assembly and disassembly of the booths or whatever else needs to be accomplished. The Sandbag Team normally activates during the rainy season and we provide sandbagging for elderly and disabled Huntington Beach residents. My father and I are on the same Sandbag Team, so it gives us the opportunity to work together. My father and I have marched together in the Huntington Beach, Fourth of July Parade two years in a row.

This year, I taught the fire extinguisher section during the CERT Drill Your Skills class. It made me feel good to know that I was able to help people learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

I have really enjoyed my experiences with the CERT organization and encourage any young person who has a desire to help their community to come and join our team.

SCENES FROM THE JULY 16 DISASTER LIVING CLASS



2011 BASIC CERT CLASS GRADUATES AND VOLUNTEERS

A "CERT"ified THANK YOU TO FIRE CHIEF PATRICK MCINTOSH AND MAYOR JOE CARCHIO FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CERT GRADUATION



SCENES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2011 US OPEN SURFING





The Huntington Beach Council on Aging  
Presents the 23rd Annual

# SENIOR SATURDAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

September 10, 2011

9 AM—2 PM

HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER PLAZA

**FREE  
Shuttle!**



**FREE  
Admission!**

Entertainment all day long!

\$2 continental breakfast, \$2 hot dog lunch

Sponsor booths offering information about senior related products and services.

All ages welcome, bring the family!

Lots of giveaways and surprises!

**Free parking & shuttle service from City Hall and  
Rodgers Seniors Center beginning at 8:30 AM.**



**Information: 714-536-9387**

**hbcoa.org**

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center 1706 Orange Ave. Huntington Beach, CA 92648

# Are You Ready?

## Disaster Preparedness Seminar

September 24, 2011 - Council Chambers - 9 AM to 12 PM



**Come join the City of Huntington Beach during  
National Disaster Preparedness Month  
Listen to officials discuss key issues on preparing for disasters**

### Speakers include:

#### **Patrick McIntosh**

Fire Chief

How the City Prepares for Disasters and Terrorism

#### **Brevyn Mettler**

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office

What are the Hazards: Earthquake, Terrorism, Tsunami

#### **Vicky Osborn**

Orange County Emergency Manager

AlertOC, ReadyOC, and County Preparedness Initiatives

#### **Carol Burtis**

HB CERT

Home and Family Preparedness

**Civic Center Council Chambers**

2000 Main Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648



Register at  
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert>  
Click Online Class Registration  
Questions can be sent to [bmettler@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bmettler@surfcity-hb.org)



***Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors***

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is to provide information and training on disaster preparedness; provide leadership and coordination during an emergency, and assistance to help victims recover from an emergency.



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**Attention!** If you want something placed in the Upcoming Events, e-mail Judy Ann at [jamorris189@yahoo.com](mailto:jamorris189@yahoo.com)

For those who do not receive the newsletter by email, you can go to the CERT website: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert). In order to receive the email alert, click on newsletters, and then click on sign up for email alert. It's as simple as that!

For those of you who do not have computer access at home, we have made arrangements for you:

- Rodgers Senior Center at 1706 Orange Avenue, HB will print out a black and white copy for you.
- There will be a few copies outside the door to the EOC to which you are welcome.
- The Central Library has computer access for the public.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**CERT Website:** [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert)

**CERT Message line 714-536-5974, (THIS IS A MESSAGE LINE ONLY!)**