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CLASS 1



President's Message

By Judy Ann Morris
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Happy 2010! Do you make New Year's resolutions? I do faithfully, and I just as faithfully break most of them by the second week in January. One resolution I made years ago was

to go through all my disaster supplies every January. This is the one resolution that I keep every year. Just a reminder to all of you to check the expiration dates on your supplies and see what you can add to your supplies during the January sales events.

IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 20, 2010. It will be our first Disaster Preparedness Expo held at HB Central Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this exciting event. Everyone is welcome! Check out the flyer in this CERT Newsletter.

The new Save-a-Life Saturday Classes of 2010: First Class—Saturday, March 20, 2010

I am really excited about our 2010 schedule. You will see we have shaken things up a bit. Now, participants can complete and get a certificate within four months. We have made it a longer day but have brought the class schedule more in line with other cities. This should make it easier for people to take our classes and then make up classes within Orange County, if necessary. The biggest advantage of this change is that we can offer advanced classes to those who have already taken the basics and want to go on to be Fire Department Volunteers. In past years, our CERT Save-a-Life Saturday program was scheduled through September which left us very little time to conduct advanced training for First Aid, Search & Rescue and County Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) requirements. Keep checking the CERT Newsletter for announcements of Advanced Training.

Welcome New Team Leaders

By Bill Worth, 2009 DSW Manager

I would like to introduce Noreen Yoshida-Peer, the new Registration Team Leader. Noreen will take the place of Kim Louie, who has moved to the DSW Manager position. Some of the tasks Noreen will be responsible for are: recruiting team members, training them, and scheduling

them to assist in setting up the registration for the Save-a-Life Saturday Classes. She will also track the students as they go through the classes to assure that all attendance is recorded for certification.

To complete these tasks, Noreen is well qualified. She has an MBA from University of La Verne, and a WebMaster Certification from California State University at Fullerton. She has taught in the Information Technology Department at Golden West College. Noreen belongs to several Professional Women's Organizations. She has also volunteered for many charitable organizations. To name a few: Muscular Dystrophy Association, March of Dimes, Hawaiian Okinawa Club of California, and Friends of KOCE. She has been a member of CERT since 2003. **Please, welcome Noreen and provide your cooperation to help her settle into her new position.**

I would also like to introduce Gerard Charles as the new Logistics Team Leader and the new Sandbag Team Leader. He will replace Ron Roth as Logistics Leader and Carlton Cook as Sandbag Team Leader.

As Logistics Team Leader, Gerard will be required to manage the equipment supplies of CERT and make them available for the classes, exercises, and responses as needed. He will recruit team members, train them and schedule them to set up and take down equipment for the Save-a-Life-Saturday classes and special exercises and responses.

As Sandbag Team Leader, Gerard will be responsible for recruiting, training, scheduling the team to respond to an emergency, and positioning sandbags to provide protection for the property of the frail and elderly residents of Huntington Beach. To accomplish these tasks, Gerard will rely on his extensive background. He has worked for the City of Huntington Beach as a traffic technician and the City of Westminster as a traffic technician/EOC liaison. He is a past member of the Orange County Emergency Management Association. Gerard has worked for city governments since 1974 and has a passion for emergency response training. He has had hundreds of hours training with FEMA. He has also been trained at the FEMA National Emergency Center at Ennesburg, Maryland.

Please, welcome Gerard as the Logistics Team and Sandbag Team Leader.

City of Huntington Beach

Disaster Preparedness Expo 2010

February 20, 2010 | Central Library | 10AM to 2PM

Sponsored by: Huntington Beach Fire Department



Learn from experts at the first annual Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo.

- Free admission
- Fun and Exciting Demonstrations
- Disaster Volunteer Organizations
- Disaster Preparedness Vendors
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- City Response Equipment Exhibits
- Fun for the Kids

Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave
Huntington Beach, CA 92648



Become a Fire Department Volunteer

Get Your Home and Family Prepared



In most disasters, the victim or bystander is the first to respond. Do you know what to do?

Potential impact of a 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a FEMA endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency response personnel could become overwhelmed and resources will be limited. By becoming CERT trained, you will gain the skills to help emergency responders save lives and property. Once you have completed the training, you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department CERT volunteer.



What Will I Learn?

In the **Save-A-Life Saturday** series, you will learn:

- How to prepare your home and family for a disaster
- How to perform basic first aid and CPR
- How to safely search a building for trapped victims and rescue them
- How to put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- How to survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe
- How to use all these skills to create a Neighborhood CERT Team



CLASS 1

Emergency Management
&

Homeland Security Office

2000 Main Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

714-374-1565

What do CERT Volunteers do?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. You will be taught to manage a disaster in your home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of your home, family and neighborhood, you will help the city with duties such as, providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire Department and Police Department.



Huntington Beach Fire Department

A Class 1 Fire Department

Classes are free,
but you must register

To Register

Call the CERT Message Line

714-536-5974

or

Register online at

www.SurfCity-hb.org/CERT



Save-A-Life Saturday Schedule

The series consists of four classes that build on each other and ends with a disaster drill where you can practice what you have learned. Attend one class or all, but it is suggested you attend them in order for the greatest benefit.

Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness

March 20, 2010 7:45AM to 2:00PM Civic Center

Learn what threats Huntington Beach residents face, how the City will respond in a disaster, and how you can get your home, family, neighborhood, school and/or business prepared to respond to emergencies. **Lunch Provided**

Class 2: Disaster First Aid (Medical Ops I & II)

April 17, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Civic Center

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake, or other disasters, and the ABC's of disaster first aid. Additional topics include splints, slings, treating burns, impaled objects and shock. Learn how to triage disaster victims. **Lunch Provided**

Class 3: Disaster Living

May 15, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Civic Center

Learn how and where to set up an outdoor shelter in a disaster. Whether in your yard or at a park, you will have to care for yourself and neighbors until the Red Cross establishes indoor shelters. Learn skills such as tenting, outdoor cooking and sanitation. **Lunch Provided**

Class 4: Light Search & Rescue/Fire Suppression

June 19, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Fire Training Center

Learn how to do a safety size-up, lift 1000+ pounds using simple leverage techniques, properly search for trapped victims, shore up an unsafe structure, and safely move the injured. Learn to use a fire extinguisher and put out a live fire, fire safety and prevention, how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Finish the class with a disaster drill that will test your newly acquired skills. **Lunch Provided**

Note: All students are required to become CPR certified. FireMed customers can take classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee. For a schedule call 800-400-4277.

Civic Center Address: 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, 92648

Fire Training Center Address: 18301 Gothard Street



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

2010 Save-a-Life Saturday CERT Class Schedule will be available on our Website, www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT, in January and also in our January Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- January 7, 2010-6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members
- February 4, 2010-6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members
- February 20, 2010, 10:00am—2:00pm: Disaster Preparedness Expo 2010 at the Central Library
- Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee of \$35. Dates are listed below.
To enroll in CPR classes, call 800-400-4277. Class location is in HB area and exact location given at time of enrollment.
Wednesday, January 13, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, January 23, from 9:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday, February 13, from 9:30am to 12:30pm

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Attention! If you want something placed in the Upcoming Events, e-mail Brevyn at bmettler@surfcity-hb.org

For those who do not receive the newsletter by email, you can go to the CERT website: www.surfcity-hb.org/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.



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.