



Quarterly NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



Recent CERT Grads: Program Achieves 200+ Strong



Orange CERT Volunteers

Congratulations to Orange CERT volunteers Steven Locketz, Doug Redding, Todd Larato, Janet Mae Barnhart, Sue Hamerski, David Sie and Diane Hovanec for completing CERT Mutual Aid Program class on Jan 31st and Feb 1st. The class is one of the requirements to become a CERT Mutual Aid volunteer. Not pictured is Pat Wheelock who also completed the class.

Quarterly Training Recap

The December 7th **Quarterly Training Program** highlighted **electrical safety** during a major outage. Guest speaker David Ford from SCE Public Affairs provided life saving reminders and tips for the 95 CERT attendees. CERT members are required to attend two quarterly meetings within a two year period to retain certification.

Congratulations to CERT Classes #5 and #6!

When these 60 CERT members completed their training on October 24th last year, history was achieved as Orange's program became over 200 volunteers strong.

Certified CMAP Responders

A BIG shout out and congrats to Rachel Ayala, John Butler, Jose Cuevas, Hy Finkelstein, Lola Finkelstein, Linda Harris, Todd Larato, Steven Locketz, Alan McQueen, Michelle Micallef, Robert Smalley and Terry Waldon for becoming *Certified CMAP Responders*. And a grateful thank you to ALL our CMAP Responders for going above and beyond in your commitment to community services!

Upcoming CERT Trainings & Meeting

Spring Training

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Fall Training

CERT 2017 Spring Training Classes:

- Evening Classes March 6, 13, 20, & 27
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Daytime Classes March 7, 14, 21, & 28
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Drill & Graduation for both classes April 3 at 5 p.m.

The next CERT Quarterly Training Meeting

is Wed, March 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. Learn "**Sidewalk, Hands Only CPR**". The meeting will be held at the North Net Fire Training Center in Anaheim (2400 East Orangewood at 57 freeway).

CERT 2017 Fall Training Classes:

- Evening Classes Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, & 16
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Daytime Classes Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, & 17
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Drill & Graduation for both classes Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.

Save the Date
Wed, June 7, 2017
2nd Annual
CERT Celebration

Public Works Yard
4:30 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Group Photo
6:15 pm Drills Start

Required Attire: Long pants or jeans, closed-toe shoes, CERT vest, helmet, goggles, gloves.



CPR/First Aid Certification

Trained, certified and one step closer to CMAP certification are: Alfredo Alba, Ed Andrade, Janet Mae Barnhart, Toni Bradley, Larry Cohn, Nancy & Richard Collins, Carolyn & Michael Elfelt, Hy & Lola Finkelstein, Maryann Gaither, Sue Hamerski, Diane Hovanec, Mark Kettenhofen, Sandra Kudlinski, Carl & Mary-Ellen Manning, Doug Redding, David Sie, Fernando Sillas, Tim Smith and Susana Soto. Their eight hour certification class was completed Saturday, February 25. Certification is required to become a CERT Mutual Aid volunteer.

Shelter and Care Training

On Saturday, January 28th, Gordon Brown with American Red Cross instructed an insightful training on "Shelter Fundamentals" for Orange CERT members at the Orange Police Department. The training included classroom instructions and practical shelter set-up exercises. Shelter Fundamentals is one of the classes required to become a CERT Mutual Aid volunteer to assist other cities in Orange County. The training was completed by the following 30 Orange CERT volunteers: Alfredo Alba, Janet Mae Barnhart, Larry Cohn, Nancy & Richard Collins, Mike & Carolyn Elfelt, Maryann Gaither, Tamsyn Griffith, Susan Hamerski, Hugo Hernandez, Diane Hovanec, Sandra Kudlinski, Todd Larato, Debbie & Paul Lips, Steven Locketz, Karen McLintock, Alan McQueen, Carl & Mary-Ellen Manning, Ruben Meraz, Melinda Miller, Joyce Monsees, Jonnae Ostrom, Doug Redding, David Sie, Tim Smith, Susana Soto, and Pat Wheelock.

CERT Volunteer Requirements:

To stay active as a CERT volunteer, you need to attend at least two quarterly meetings and assist at one drill-the-skills within a two-year period. Those of you who became CERT volunteers 18 months ago have until June 7, 2017 to complete the requirements.

Requirements for CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP)

1. Complete ICS 100 and IS 700 available on-line: <http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/> or in-person.
2. Complete American Red Cross Shelter class (8 hrs); check www.ocredcross.org for upcoming classes (can be completed on-line or in-person).
3. Complete CERT Mutual Aid class (6 hrs) within jurisdiction.
4. Have active Adult CPR and First Aid certification through either the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or EMS Safety.

Questions? Contact CERT@orangepd.org or 714-744-7477



Michelle Micallef presents CMAP patch to Orange CERT Volunteer Alan McQueen with Sgt. Phil McMullin of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Check out the CERT page on the new City of Orange website www.cityoforange.org