

CERT NEWS LETTER

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CERT'S EVERBRIDGE ALERT system will initiate a call to your phone that **may sound like a telemarketer**. The recorded caller may start with: **“This is a message from your organization...”** The phone number calling is **555 555-5555**. When you receive this phone alert, the call will direct you through some simple instructions to hear the alert message. Once you acknowledge the call from any format, whether telephone, cell phone, e-mail or text, the system presumes you have been notified and will stop all further attempts to reach you.

DO NOT TRUST THE DATES ON YOUR BATTERIES! In checking my emergency supplies, I noticed some of my batteries were leaking. Take a close look at the date of 2018. **These batteries failed and leaked 4 years prior to the expiration date shown.** Check your supplies often.



NEW CERT CLASS March 2015. Find one person to take the next class. Monterey CERT has confirmed dates for the next CERT training for new students. This will be our weeknight series, taught over seven consecutive Thursday nights. Class time each day

will be **6:30-9:30 p.m.** Student should plan on attending all 7 nights.

Class dates will be:

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16

Persons wishing to enroll may send an email to: **montereycert@hotmail.com** Please include the following information:

Full name

Physical and mailing address

e-mail address most commonly used

Cell and home phone numbers

Registering students will receive an e-mail confirmation. Persons without e-mail may leave a phone message at: **(831) 646-3416**.

PRACTICE YOUR BASIC CERT SKILLS by attending the final exercise of the next CERT class. This occurs **April 16th in the EOC from 6:30-9:30 P.M.** We practice all our basic skills such as emergency medicine, triage, rescue, search and use of the CERT radios. Contact the instructors prior to the start of class.

TRAINING REFRESHER: Know your neighborhood!



Carmel, CA 1995 (Photo by Demetrius Kastros)



Santa Cruz, CA Tsunami, May 2011

THESE LOCAL PHOTOS show flooding in Carmel and a Tsunami striking the Santa Cruz Harbor. Both these local events caused millions of dollars in damage and a terrible emotional cost to the victims. **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!** If you live in a coastal area, such as the Old Town, Oak Grove and Beach areas of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel, you're in a potential tsunami zone. Living near rivers and lakes, such as the Mission Fields area of Carmel, or near Roberts Lake in Monterey, can subject you to flooding. Make sure you plan accordingly.

To view Monterey Peninsula Tsunami Inundation Maps, go to these links:

http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/oes/documents/Tsunami_Inundation_Monterey_Quad_Monterey.pdf

http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/oes/documents/Tsunami_Inundation_Seaside_Quad_Monterey.pdf

To view a brochure on tsunami preparedness, go to this link:

<http://monterey.org/Portals/1/pdfs/tsunamibrochure.pdf>

For more general information on preparing for a flood, visit this website:

<http://www.ready.gov/floods>

WE'RE MISSING A RADIO from the December storm deployment. If you were given a radio on December 11th, please double-check to make sure it is still not accidentally in your possession. Thanks!

CONTACT YOUR TEAM LEADER: If you have not already done so, contact your team leader and meet them at your neighborhood CERT container. Make sure you know how to find the container and are familiar with the inventory.

REMEMBER: After an emergency such as an earthquake, storm or other potential disaster when all forms of communication are absent, when the power is out and telephones and cell phones don't work, secure your family, immediate neighbors and then, if you are able, report to your neighborhood CERT container. Using our radio system, CERT is the primary eyes and ears to the City on what's happening in the neighborhoods. We will form teams and proceed into the neighborhoods to *"DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE*" CERT provides an excellent video at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwV3e1Xfif0>

CERT TEAM LEADER LIST: **CONA**=Casanova Oak Knoll, **Crml**=Carmel, **DMB**=Del Monte Beach, **FH**=Foothill, **MV**=Monte Vista, **NM**=New Monterey, **OG**=Oak Grove, **OT**=Old Town, **PG**=Pacific Grove, **S3**=Station 3, **SL**=Skyline

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