

# CERT IN THE NEWS

## 2010 FUNDRAISING

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### Special points of interest:

- *Preferred Vendors*
- *New Class Photos*
- **NOTICE: BANQUET DATE CHANGE— Thursday, November 18**

The fundraising committee has been very busy coming up with ideas to help make Costa Mesa CERT the most efficient program in the County! One on-going activity is the sale of the “blinking” fire truck pins that Fundraising Chairperson Dottie discovered. They sell for \$5.00 each and have so far raised \$160.00 for our program. They make a neat party favor, unique topper for a package or just a fun pin to wear. CERT members can check out a packet of 12 to sell to friends, co-workers or neighbors by contacting Dottie.

If you have a company, small business contact, individual or supermarket where you shop all the time and would like an appeal letter sent soliciting support or donations on behalf of the CERT program, please let us know. All letters should go through Fundraising, (Brenda) to be logged in (Dottie) before being mailed out. We don't want to duplicate efforts or bombard a possible donor with requests and become a nuisance!

Appeal to ALL CERT MEMBERS! Any amount can make a BIG difference. If



only 100 of our members donated \$5.00 each, we would have \$500 to purchase CERT emergency supplies to store at the 3 fire stations. We've made it easy on you! You can even donate on-line at [www.cm-fund.org](http://www.cm-fund.org) or mail : Costa Mesa Community Foundation, PO Box 10268 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 NOTE: “CERT” on donation.

The first fundraising meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11th. Lots of new ideas came out of the meeting, Unfortunately the OCC Swap Meet activity did not receive enough support and was sidelined for now. Please let Dottie know if you have any ideas to support the program at [resone@hotmail.com](mailto:resone@hotmail.com).

Be sure to use our preferred vendors listed on page 3 and thank them for their contribu-

tions to our program!  
**COMMUNITY  
RUN SUPPORT**

On April 23 and 24, CERT supported the Costa Mesa Community Run at Estancia High School. Friday night was the run Expo event. CERT was out in full force promoting the program and sharing the preparedness message. Bright and early on “race day” the following morning, members coordinated with MESAC (Amateur Radio) to provide communications for the race staff. Members of both groups were staged along the run route and within the stadium area. This coordination was a first-time activity that brought the two groups together in support of communications. Many thanks to Emergency Services Training Specialist Elizabeth Eddlemon (also a member of the CERT Instructor Team), Mike Oviatt, President of MESAC, Deborah Thompson (CERT & MESAC Liaison) and Gordon West (CERT radio communications lead) for their participa-

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**CERT  
 Members  
 do the  
 greatest  
 good  
 for the  
 greatest  
 number!**

**Thank you  
 for all you  
 DO!!!!**

**CERT ACTIVATION January 2010 Storms****WHO YOU GONNA CALL  
 WHEN YOU NEED HELP!**

**CERT OF COURSE....** In the late afternoon of January 18, the city of CM was in for some very stormy weather. Within 30 minutes of the activation callout, CERT (TOBIAS!) was on the job organizing and distributing sand bags and shovels for residents.

For 4 days from 0700 to 1800 (in the rain and wind), 18 members helped out in 3-hour shifts. Early on there was no shelter to protect against the elements (thanks GALE J.) But CERT was there for their community! Communications from Gordon West and Justin Miller helped warn of incoming storm activity for the team. Thanks to all!!!



## PREPARE COSTA MESA

Training meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 6-7:30 pm at the Neighborhood Community Center, 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa. Find us at [www.costamesacert.org](http://www.costamesacert.org)

June 10 – Outdoor Sheltering/Cooking Demo

July 8 – Emergency Operation Center Orientation

August 12 – Preparedness Campaign Prep  
September 9 – Door to Door Campaign  
October 14 – ICS Review

Saturday, November 6  
Annual Refresher Drill  
- STATION 4

\*\*\*\* **NEW DATE** \*\*\*\*  
November – CERT Banquet—**NOVEMBER 18**

December – No program – Enjoys the holidays

January's CERT class was the largest class to date! 47 new CERT grads completed the 3-day weekend course at Regal Mobile Club Estates (hosted by new member Barbara Brandt.)

CERT Volunteers Instructors Larry Kinsella, Cindy Brennehan and Dee Chester were on hand for the class. Members Dottie Garrett, Gary Gahm, Jacki Gardner and Paterik Tobias assisted too!

Final exercise activity was a mock earthquake with a door to door resident check and medical treatment area. RMCE uses a "OK" card notification system. January's team worked with onsite team leaders to organize and check in residents, complete a damage assessment and help the "injured." What a fantastic way to start 2010!

Another first for Costa Mesa CERT! The very first all Scout (and family member) CERT class was held in March 2010. The Troop led by new CERT member Chris Edgerly (wife Angela graduated in April 2010 class) help to organize the scouts and extended family members into a weekend CERT class. TeWinkle Middle School was host site to scouts were recognized for their efforts at a Scout Honor ceremony on May 24. Way to go Troop 339!!

## JANUARY CERT



## SCOUT CERT



**Opportunity + Preparedness = Success.**  
Volunteer to help others be prepared for the opportunities afforded them.

**Be part of the Promise to Prepare Campaign—go to [www.readyoc.org](http://www.readyoc.org) and sign up! Share the word on preparedness.**

**KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION . SEND NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS TO [BEMRICK@CI.COSTA-MESA.CA.US](mailto:BEMRICK@CI.COSTA-MESA.CA.US)**

CERT VOLUNTEERS are heroes in so many ways!! **A VOLUNTEER** is a person who remembers to do things to make other people happy, who takes the loneliness out of the alone by talking to them, who is concerned when others are unconcerned, who has the courage to be a prophet and to say the things that have to be said for the good of all....

## APRIL CERT CLASS

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*The April class was hosted by Vanguard University (during the OC Marathon weekend!) Talk about being flexible in a pinch! Highlight*

*for the class (and Vanguard students) was the door to door resident check and medical treatment area as part of the final exercise. Great job April class!*



## CERT PREFERRED VENDORS

**Exclusive** Costa Mesa CERT wear Vendor

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