

CM CERT Times

UPCOMING EVENTS

COSTA MESA CERT
WEBSITE GOES LIVE
IN EARLY
2008
www.costamesacert.org

2007 Level Grads

Gordon Breecher II
Ed Ross III
Bonnie Ross III
Dee Chester II
Matt Eimers II
Ken Hicks II
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EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS FOR CM CERT MEMBERS

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CERT 2007 in Review

The City of Costa Mesa continues to expand the outreach of the Community Emergency Response Team. We are on target to graduate four new classes for 2007.

Host sites for this year's programs included: Playport Mobile Village (Thank you, John and Lea), (St. Joachim's Church (Thank you, Father Sera), and Bethel Towers (Thank you, Dan). We are now using our

own credentialing system to provide an identification card for current active members. The "instant" ID system is portable and can be used in an emergency. MESAC is also utilizing this credentialing equipment for their members.

Communications was highlighted in our 2007 monthly training as we continued to build our response procedures. Practice makes perfect!

We have 10 new Traffic Safety Grads trained on December 1.

Our CERT Program is recognized as one of the best in Orange County. We will continue to move forward with planning and training that will help our community become stronger and more resilient should a disaster occur. Spread the word of our program in 2008.

Congratulations to all for a great year of CERT participation!

CERT LEVEL UPDATES & MUTUAL AID

This year many of our members completed the *ICS 100 (Incident Command System)* and the *NIMS 700 (National Incident Management System)* courses either online or with our city staff training classes.

These two courses are now required for all response volunteers based on national guidelines. The courses are designed to help volunteers understand the scope of organizing and working together in an emergency situation.

Businesses and schools are also being trained to use ICS programs. If you have not completed these two courses, check out www.training.fema.gov/EMLweb/IS or stay posted to learn of training dates with city staff that occur annually.

The Incident Command Checklists and a Standard Operating Procedural (SOP) manual continue to expand and are on final review.

CM CERT currently has three participation levels

We will also be offering CERT members the ability to get involved with CERT Mutual Aid. This past August 9th CERT participants from across Orange County previewed the Medical Operations III 6-hour course in Huntington Beach. Feedback was positive and changes are being made to the final product. Mutual Aid will encompass some additional training, a background check and fingerprint scan. More information to follow in 2008.

CERT 2008 Monthly Training Schedule

What is Mutual Aid

All Orange County cities with CERT programs are working together to train and prepare CERT members to respond to other OC areas in the event of a major disaster. If you are interested in Mutual Aid response you will need to complete:

1. Mutual Aid Module (in development)
 2. Medical Operations III (part of our Level III and currently being reviewed)
 3. ARC Shelter & Mass care courses (part of our Level II)
 4. Neighborhood Assessment (pre-development)
 5. Complete & pass a background and fingerprint scan.
- WATCH FOR NEW INFORMATION IN 2008!

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2nd Thursday of every month 6-730 pm. The Neighborhood Community Center (1845 Park Street) hosts the 2007 training sessions. **FEB & MAY date is 3rd Thursday!**
Note change.

Wear your vests and bring you CERT ID cards! S & R bags are not required at every meeting but you might want to have a pen & paper and flashlight handy.

Training topics:

- JANUARY 10** – Search & Rescue
- FEBRUARY 21**- WMD Overview-I
- MARCH 13** – WMD Part II
- APRIL 10** – ICS & Communications
- MAY 15** – Neighborhood Canvas Prep
- JUNE 12** – Preparedness-“Door to Door” Campaign
- JULY 10** – Outdoor Sheltering
- AUGUST 14** – Triage
- SEPTEMBER 11** - Volunteer Care (CISM)
- OCTOBER 9** – AREA IC Exercise

NOVEMBER 1– Refresher Drill
NOVEMBER 13– Alumni Banquet
DECEMBER – No program – Enjoy the holidays!

Don't forget to check-in using your radio (FRS or HAM) each month!

CERT Advisory Group News!

The CERT Advisory Group has continued to work on increasing participation in our CERT programs, improving the skill level of every CERT member and promoting team spirit and unity among members.

Goals for 2008 include: increasing CERT capabilities for emergency response by completing the SOP manual and Incident Command checklists. We are still reviewing the response plans

to an AREA Command Posts activation point. CERT members would respond to the closest fire station in their area.

- AREA 1 – Royal Palm ST.1
- AREA 2 - Baker Street ST. 2
- AREA 3 - Park Avenue ST.3

Don't know your area – contact an Advisory Group member or Area Coordinator.

THANK YOU!

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MORE CERT Classes for 2008

New presentation formats coming this year.

CM CERT will host at least four courses this year. The next course will be offered in mid January - “CERT Weekend” dates are tentative at January

18, 19 & 20. There are Saturday sessions in late February, Saturdays and evenings in the spring and fall. Want to refresh your skills – join us at one of the sessions. Spread the word, we need your help to get more neighbors

through the program. Pre-registration will be required so pass along the information to family, friends and neighbors. Residency is not a requirement to take the course and it is FREE!

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