



Your Encinitas CERT September 2017 Newsletter

Hello CERT Members!

This is our inaugural newsletter. We hope this will help keep everyone up to date on what is going on with Encinitas CERT (EncCERT). We will also try to provide you with valuable and timely information to help you with maintaining your readiness for a disaster, on a personal as well as a community level.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12
Encinitas CERT Board Meeting
5:30p.m. at Encinitas Community Center

September 19
Search and Rescue (SAR) Dog Presentation
6:00p.m. at Encinitas Community Center

September 28
Coastal Cert Radio Net @7:00p.m.
Go to www.encycert.org/members/communications
for more information

September 14
Coastal Cert Radio Net @7:00p.m.
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September 20
Are You Ready Presentation
with featured speaker Arnie Lewin
6:00p.m. at Encinitas Community Center

Next Month...

October 1
Encinitas Oktoberfest @ 8:00a.m.
Volunteers needed. Justine will be
forever grateful!

October 7
Encinitas Fire Open House @ Station 5
10a.m. – 1p.m. See website for address.

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October 26
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October 5
Fall Academy Begins
Encinitas Community Center @ 6:00p.m.

October 10
Encinitas CERT Board Meeting
5:30p.m. at Encinitas Community Center

October 21
Academy Final Drill, R.S.F. Station 2 @8a.m.
Need to renew your DSW?
Here's your opportunity! You know you want to!

For the most current and updated event information **always** check the website, encycert.org/calendar

REFRESHER CLASSES

Josh Gordon (who was recently promoted to Captain, Congratulations!) will be conducting quarterly “refresher classes”. Last month was a medical refresher held at the Community Center. The class was an absolute success. Lots of folks showed up and received a lot of ‘hands on’ practice. A big thank you to Josh, Anthony, Mikey and Joe!

It is hoped that the quarterly updates will help to keep the info we received during our academy training a little fresher in our minds. It also provides the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. The next class is going to in November, time and date to be announced. The subject of the class has not been decided yet. Do you have any suggestions for a topic? Let us know at info@enccert.org.

Are you a people person? Enjoy the great outdoors? Well, great news, the Oktoberfest Street Fair is October 1!

Encinitas CERT will be representin’! Whether its bragging about how awesome a group of people we are, making folks aware of our ‘Are You Ready’ presentation, or conducting a sidewalk CPR demonstration, just a couple hours of your time will help us get more Encinitans aware of us and our mission. Maybe even recruit some new CERT’s! We can always use more CERT’s! <http://www.enccert.org/volunteers-needed-oktoberfest-oct-1-2017>

JOINT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ENCINITAS, SOLANA BEACH, DEL MAR, RANCHO SANTA FE AND ELFIN FOREST CERT MEMBERS

Please join us on Tuesday September 19 @ 6:00p.m. for a joint general membership meeting at the Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Drive (nearest cross street: Encinitas Blvd. and Balour Dr.)

Encinitas and Solana Beach CERT will provide a light meal from Firehouse Subs to open the meeting. This will be followed by a presentation about the Search and Rescue (S.A.R.) Dog program by Martin Buncher of Rancho Santa Fe CERT. Although most CERT volunteers wouldn’t normally be directly involved with this, awareness of what the canine teams can do would be useful background if CERT were activated for a search operation.

An R.S.V.P. to info@enccert.org would be appreciated so we can determine how much food to provide.

ASK JOSH



Have training questions? Captain Josh Gordon will probably have the answers. Send your questions to; info@enccert.org. We’ll have your answers right here in the following newsletter.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Ready.gov is promoting this and the theme is, Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can!

That's what CERT does. But have all of our members taken the necessary steps to be ready on a personal level. Hope so. If not, ready.gov is a great resource. Here's a small sample.



Don't Wait. Communicate. Make a family emergency plan today. September is National Preparedness Month. Learn more at www.ready.gov/September.

In the coming months we will have various links to all kinds of helpful and interesting information. If you have found some useful/helpful info and want to share with the class, let us know, info@enccert.org.

REMINDER OF THE MONTH

CLASSES OF FIRES*

To aid in extinguishing fires, fires are categorized into classes based on the type of fuel that is burning:

- Class A Fires: Ordinary Combustibles such as paper, cloth, wood, rubber and many plastics.
- Class B Fires: Flammable liquids (e.g., oils, gasoline) and combustible liquids (e.g., charcoal lighter fluid, kerosene). These fuels burn only at the surface because oxygen cannot penetrate the depth of the fluid. Only vapor burns when ignited.
- Class C Fires: Energized electrical equipment (e.g., wiring, motors). When the electricity is turned off, the fire becomes a Class A fire.
- Class D Fires: Combustible metals (e.g., aluminum, magnesium, titanium).
- Class K Fires: Cooking oils (e.g., vegetable oils, animal oils, fats).

It is extremely important to identify the type of fuel feeding the fire in order to select the correct method and agent for extinguishing the fire.

* taken verbatim from the CERT Basic Training, Participant Manual FEMA P-925/September 2012, Unit 2, 'Fire Safety and Utility Controls', page 5.

...and remember, your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Encinitas CERT Board

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