



OCEANSIDE CERT

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The Board Corner

Welcome all fellow CERT members and friends. What a wonderful and interesting year! We have new Board members stepping in and Colleen Foster transitioning for Ken Matsumoto as the Fire Department Liaison.

Congratulations to our newest graduated CERT Academy Members and many thanks to our volunteer training staff Dotty Beer, Ken Matsumoto, Joe Urban and all those who showed up to give a hand. The key word is "Volunteer", and truly if it were not for our volunteers, we would not have a CERT organization in our city today. I was told in our last graduated class, there are a lot of knowledgeable and skilled members. As we move into the future, we will need to ask for your active participation with new ideas and resources. I am also a new graduate along with my lovely bride, Joyce and completed the CERT Academy in Nov of 2010. Please do not wait to get involved. Be proactive in CERT.

One of the areas is committee members. We need help in active fund raising and community outreach. I am very excited with the recent fund raising. Linda McLaughlin wonderfully and graciously arranged our first fund raising event on Valentine's Day at the Pit Stop. It was a great success. She is already planning another one soon. These funds will go to further our activities and equipment in emergency preparedness. Please come and join us and do what you can.

David Baily, Chair

CERT Board Elects New Officers

Saturday, April 16th, CERT held its second quarterly training program in combination with its annual members meeting. The attendance was great and several great topics WERE discussed. At this meeting the annual CERT Board election was held. Two members were on the ballot for two year terms. They were Donovan Brown an incumbent Board member and Ted Fritz. Both were elected and will serve a two year term to April 2014. After the meeting the Board met and reorganized its structure. The Board shrank from 7 Board members to 5 and the new CERT officers for 2012/2013 are as follows:

David Baily	Chair	mrbeglad@cox.net
Linda Mc Laughlin	Vice Chair	lsmclaughlin@cs.com
Roni Elsberry	Treasurer	remuinc@pacbell.net
Ted Fritz	Secretary	fritz@cox.net
Donovan Brown	Member at Large	donovan.brown@sadexo.com

The Board wishes to thank Mike Russell, Colleen Foster and David Lipton for their service on the CERT Board of Directors. The Fire Department Liaison for CERT continues to be Colleen Foster (cfoster@ci.oceanside.ca.us).

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<http://oceansidecert.org>



CERT Fund Raising Opportunities



Your Help is Needed ---

Oceanside CERT is a non-profit California corporation, incorporated in February of 2006 and granted tax exempt status under IRS tax code 501 C-3 on April 12, 2010. Donations or sponsorships presented to Oceanside CERT by any corporation, business, group, or individual are exempt from both state and federal taxes.

Over the last seven years the Oceanside CERT program has been limited to small donations and a few small grants. Now the group is initiating an expanded fund raising effort to allow the program to move forward to provide expanded training, the acquisition of response supplies, communications equipment and a utility trailer.

To expand our fund raising efforts we are reaching out into the organization, looking for members with experience or an interest in fund raising activities to help with this important effort.

Also, we are asking each of our members to check with their employers and other organizations they are affiliated with for matching fund programs, business sponsorships and/or donation opportunities that may be available to Oceanside CERT. As you uncover these opportunities, please advise either David Baily or Linda McLaughlin. Contact David at mrbeglad2@cox.net or at 760-630-0981 or Linda at lsmmclaughlin@cs.com or 760 630 9624..Please provide any leads to the organization(s) and the appropriate contact person(s) so we can follow up on them.

Some of the areas that have been identified as needs of the group are as follows:

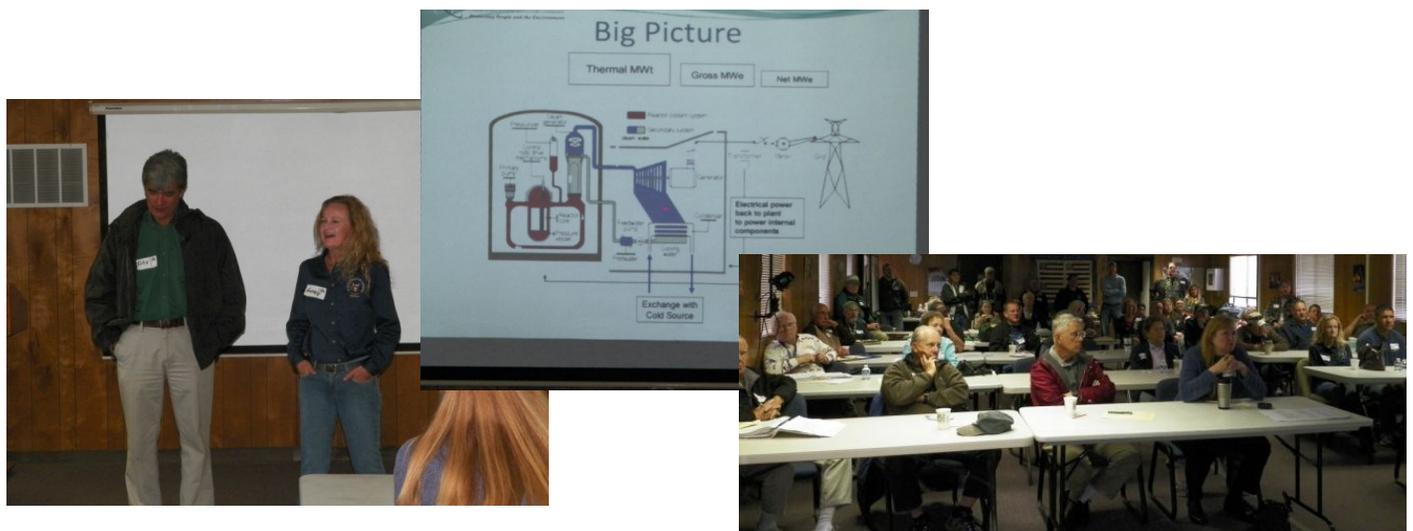
- ◆ Cargo Trailer to be used as a communications center capable of transporting a repeater antenna system. A 6 X 12 single axle trailer is preferred.
- ◆ Funding to finance a second CERT 10- week academy each year within Oceanside. The demand is significant and the need large.
- ◆ Capabilities to purchase medical supplies and search and rescue materials to be used to respond to a local emergency.
- ◆ Funding to purchase a dozen hand held ham radio units to meet our CERT communications needs
- ◆ Acquire a CERT repeater antenna system to supplement our communications needs.
- ◆ The acquisition of a pod to store emergency response equipment and supplies. A storage pod 12 X 8 up to 20 X 8 would be a desirable size.

In addition to this larger fund raising effort, the group has been supporting smaller fund raising activities such as the recent Valentine CERT Day at the "Pit Stop". This fun dining-out opportunity brought in almost \$500. The May 2nd fundraiser at Rubios was also a great fundraising and social event. In a recent email Linda writes

"Thanks to all you CERT members who showed up for the Rubio's fundraiser yesterday. We had several show up for dinner last night and we really had an enjoyable time. One of our committees even pulled together for a meeting. It was just a perfect evening and we really appreciate all of your support. " We earned \$244 at this activity.

Other opportunities are also being investigated to develop grants to support our training program.

Again, without a dynamic fund raising program, Oceanside CERT will remain very limited as to its response efforts. The economy is tight so we know that an extra effort is necessary to meet our goal for the year ahead. Your chance to help our program grow is before you, so we encourage you to reach out and volunteer to assist our fund raising efforts by identifying grants and/or sponsorship opportunities. Do call or contact David Baily or Linda McLaughlin with your suggestions. You can make a major difference in helping Oceanside CERT to be adequately prepared to assist the Community.



FROM YOUR CERT TRAINING TEAM!

CERT Quarterly Trainings

If you have not been to a CERT Quarterly Training meeting in a while, you have missed out on some great skill enhancement opportunities. We accomplished so much in so little time! An Oceanside Fire Department Paramedic Team taught us head-to-toe assessment and how to lift, drag and carry a victim. Looked so easy, so hard to do.... We discussed what to do if we were caught inside a store or office during an emergency (earthquake, fire, etc.). Then our very own "HAM" Joe Gardeski and his HAM group did a terrific informational lecture, display and live demonstration concerning radio operations. And, who could forget passing out 2,500 emergency packets at Harbor Days just a couple of weeks after the "great blackout?" Talk about a receptive audience and a great bonding experience as well! As Ken Matsumoto retired from the Fire Department, we said "Goodbye" to him as our CERT Liaison and "Hello" to Colleen Foster. Thank you Colleen for continuing the good work he so carefully built over the years. Even though he has officially retired as the CERT coordinator, we have had numerous "Ken sightings" at the quarterly trainings.

"Inquiring minds wanted to know," and our CERT group certainly got the scoop "hot off the press." Who needs the newspapers or TV news programs? The San Onofre Power Plant has a resident Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspector. In April, 2012, John came and presented highly pertinent information about the plant, its construction, operations and answered questions concerning problems experienced at the plant. Wow! Attendance at this training put you in the right place at the right time and personally "briefed." Thank you John. (see page 2 pictures)

Two New Trainers

The Oceanside CERT training team would like to introduce two new faces. Deanna Daley is an ER Tech at Tri-City Hospital. Her first activity was to instruct various ways to arm splint and then immobilize it. She is also a certified instructor for the American Heart Association. We are very fortunate to have her join Oceanside CERT and look forward to many more informative and useful sessions with her. Our second newest member is Tom Kerns. Tom is a recently retired California Highway Patrol Officer. Who knew distracted driving could be such a fascinating topic? Of course none of us were guilty of ANY of the dozen plus issues he raised concerning driving habits and their consequences. His latest lecture was about accident safety. The motto "Driving safely is no accident" was a hard hit reality when shared through his expertise.

CERT Academy Graduates

In January, 2012 another 10-week CERT Academy class started. A very large class of 36 students were guided by Ken Matsumoto and Joe Urban from the first week of "Emergency Preparedness" through the final exam. The skill set that these students bring to Oceanside CERT is amazing. The graduates were presented to the Police and Fire Commission on April 19, 2012. Congratulations!



Next Available Training

Reserve the dates. Saturday, September 29 and Sunday September 30, 2012. Oceanside Harbor Days. Oceanside CERT will have a display table. This is a great opportunity to educate the public about who we are and how they, too, can become better prepared to handle an emergency. It also is a lot of fun and a chance to get acquainted with other CERT members. Tough training; the sun, the people and the food! See you in September!

Your Oceanside CERT Amateur Radio Team

“When the ‘Big One’ hits...we’ll be ready!” Here’s a summary of this very active group:

Who We Are:

We are a subcommittee of Oceanside CERT, consisting of almost 2 dozen licensed Amateur Radio Operators (aka “Hams”). Our team goal is to have at least 2 hams within each Fire Service Area.

What We Do:

We combine the radio communication skills learned from our hobby, with the principles learned from our CERT training, toward the purpose of helping our families, friends and neighbors with communication during time of emergency. And we have fun doing it!

Where We Do It:

From our homes and neighborhoods we use Portable, Mobile and Base Station equipment to link us together, forming a communication ‘web’ throughout the City of Oceanside.

When We Do It:

We conduct an on-air “Weekly Net” exercise taking radio check-ins from all 8 Fire Service Areas within the City. We hold a Monthly Meeting where we get together for planning and training. We do several field tests and drills per year.



How We Do It:

We volunteer our time and provide our own radio station equipment, with focus on improving our station performance and radio operating skills. We gladly extend a helping hand to others within Oceanside CERT interested in learning more about amateur radio, obtaining their ham license, and finding economical equipment to get started. We educate fellow hams about the benefits of receiving CERT training.

Why We Do It:

We offer a potentially important extra level of communication for Oceanside CERT and the community during time of emergency. When all else fails, ham radio will still be available for those who use it.

We welcome new members! Should you have interest in learning how to get a ham license, and would like to join our group, send an email to the below address and we’ll be glad to provide some info.

Joe Gardeski, Chair
Joe/N6JO
N6JO@arrl.net



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Thank you!

CERT Committees

We currently have five committees that are in various forms of development. They are as follows:

CERT Committee	Contact	E-mail address
Training	Dorothy Beer	dotbeer@aol.com
Communications	Joe Gardeski	N6JO@arrl.net
Fund Raising	Linda McLaughlin	lsmmclaughlin@cs.com
Equipment	Ted Fritz	fritz@cox.net
Newsletter	Don Kaiser	dkaiser@ci.oceanside.ca.us

To join a particular committee and participate in its activities you can contact the committee chairperson directly. Generally, all committees will establish their own size and most all committees can use additional members. Your ideas and suggestion are very important to help our committees grow in a useful direction.

WANTED

Oceanside CERT is seeking the **donation** of a cargo trailer for use as an Emergency Response/Communications/Training vehicle. Ideally the trailer would be 6'x12', single axle with a minimum 6'6" interior ceiling height.

The Oceanside Community Emergency Response Team is a 501 (c) (3) organization and **all donations are tax deductible**. If you can help please contact Ted at 760-224-4615.



Add to Your CERT Skills Base

FEMA has a course for that! Courses can be accessed online at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS>

1. Select "NIMS Courses" on the right hand side of the screen (in the red box at the top of the page).
2. Then select the appropriate course from the list at the bottom of the page. We suggest IS 100a (ICS 100) to start. This is the first course listed.
3. After selecting the course, on the right hand side you can also access Student Study Guide and course materials.
4. Take the final exam.
5. After successfully completing the course, email a copy of your certificate to oceanside.cert@gmail.com. A copy of this certificate will be filed with the Colleen Foster, our CERT City Liaison.

Informative websites:

www.fema.gov/index.shtm
(FEMA)

www.co.san-diego.ca.us/oes/ndex.html
(SD County OES)

www.osidefire.com
(Oceanside Fire Department)