

## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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### **DSW Form Request**

by Carol Burtis

As a follow-up to my previous emails asking you to complete and return a Disaster Service Worker (DSW) form to me, I want to take a moment and explain the need for the form. It is actually for your benefit in the event of an injury.

As a CERT volunteer, you qualify as a Disaster Service Worker when you participate in a disaster call out or an approved event. Should you get hurt in performing your duty under such circumstances, you have the option to file a State of California Workman's Compensation claim.

In order to do that, you have to submit lots of paperwork and the State will not even consider your claim unless the City has your DSW form on file prior to deployment at which the injury occurred. It's really that simple: in the event you would ever be in a situation where we need to file, we can't even start the process unless we have this form ahead of time.

If you don't want to be called out and respond to an emergency, class or event, then I don't need the form; I can mark you as a newsletter recipient only and you would receive an email notice of the CERT Newsletter as well as notice of our monthly CERT Meeting that you could attend. If you want to be an active participant, for you own safety, we need to have the form on file. Please send me an email at <a href="mailto:carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org">carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org</a> and let me know what you have decided.

I must have the original form so you need to either send it US Mail or drop it off at City Hall. Since I only work on Tuesday and Thursday, if you want to drop off the form, please go to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor at City Hall. When you exit the elevator, make an immediate left, and then right to the Fire Department counter. Have the form in an envelope with my name on it. I can pick it up from my box there. I have photos of most of you if you have a current CERT ID Tag. Otherwise, please attach a small current photo of yourself to the form.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be happy to talk to you about this more, but I thought it would be important to ensure everyone had the background on why I asked you to fill out the form.

## **September 13, 2018 General Meeting** *By Carol Burtis*

Margaret Martinez will be teaching American Sign Language at our next CERT meeting, Thursday, September 13 in room B8 at City Hall, 2000 Main Street. This will be a follow up to our meeting last July when Nick Engstler of the Dayle McIntosh Center demonstrated some sign language. Please join us starting at 6:30pm!

### **Fall FEMA CERT Training Classes**

The next FEMA CERT training class is scheduled for:

Friday evening 11/02, 6:00 – 10:00pm Saturday - 11/03, 8:00am – 5:00pm Sunday - 11/04, 8:00am – 5:00pm The class is rapidly filling up, register soon. Instructions on flyer near back of this newsletter.

#### **OCSD Tours**

By Carol Burtis

This note appeared in the July 24 City Manager's report and I thought I would pass it on to you in case you are interested!

## Orange County Sanitation District Offers Tours of Plant No. 2

With the increase in activity at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach, the OC Sanitation District created an outreach program to keep neighbors informed of current and upcoming construction. One of the program elements is "The Neighborhood Connection," a newsletter that is published twice a year and distributed to the neighboring residents in Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach. The summer 2018 issue was recently distributed.

https://www.ocsd.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=25012

As part of the program, the District offers tours of Plant No. 2 so neighbors can see first-hand what takes place behind the fence. Tour dates for this upcoming season are:

Friday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are required a minimum of one week prior to the tour. Call 714.593.7135 or email <a href="mailto:forinformation@ocsd.com">forinformation@ocsd.com</a> to sign up.

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## California

By ABC7.com Staff, August 23, 2018



The Aedes mosquitoes are nicknamed the "ankle biters." Their bites become inflamed quickly and can turn into big red welts and rashes. Aedes mosquitoes do not belong in the Southland. They are native to tropical and subtropical climates. The mosquitoes can transmit diseases including create a 100-foot defensible zone around all structures Zika virus and Dengue fever. You're urged to get rid of any standing water around your home and make sure your Builders are encouraged to build homes made of fire window screens fit well.

Carol Burtis had a personal experience with a new species of mosquitoes. She was bitten several times resulting in said. "Now we're trying to make communities more huge itchy welts on her arms and legs. You also may be interested in information from the Orange County Vector brush and making the forest healthy." Control at: http://ocvector.org/wnvthreat.html

### California is Facing a Year Round Fire Season By Anna Pinter

California is becoming a year round tinderbox. There was a time when one could say the fire season usually started around May and went through September. With the new reality facing California of vanishing dark green canopies of trees, a summer walk in the Los Angeles National Forest includes dead and dying trees, swatches of empty areas caused by wildfires, disease, insect infestations and the recent four year drought. California's wildfire season is now year round. Gov. Jerry Brown is one of many calling this reality the "new normal."

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Captain Mike Mohler said, "Five years ago, without the drought in California, you would still get wildland fires but the vegetation would not burn as quickly. Now there is zero moisture and you get explosive fire growth."

A combination of low precipitation and higher temperatures is baking the moisture out of the soil and air. Vegetation is dry and vulnerable to catching fire. Rising temperatures in the spring help bring on an early fire season. Daniel Berlant, Chief of Public Information for CAL FIRE says, "Over half of the top 20 largest wildfires have occurred since 2000. It is important to note the drought hasn't created the problem, it only magnifies it." When the vegetation is so dry, it burns at an alarming rate. The fire gets so large even before firefighters get to the scene. In the King Fire last year 60,000 acres burned in six hours.

A new species of mosquito is invading Southern The state government has recognized the need to have more troops in order to face a more ferocious fire season. "This current fiscal year, under the Governor's State of Emergency, our drought augmentation gave us an increase in our fighting force at a cost of \$113.7 million," Berland said. This has resulted in several hundred additional firefighters hired specifically due to drought-caused fire activity."

> The increase in year round flammability has forced CAL FIRE to make a shift to emphasize prevention. Firefighter's tactics remain the same but because of the drought they have to locate water for the aerial program. In California some of the holding ponds in central California are not there anymore. Plans have to be made prior to fires as to where helicopters can fill up. The aerial program is one of the many examples of prevention used in fighting fires. example of prevention is, homeowners are encouraged to where brush and anything combustible is cleared out. resistant materials.

> "Before we were focusing heavily on suppression," Berlant sustainable against fire. We're making sure we're clearing

### Cooperation Between All Agencies to Bring Solutions

The "new normal" is a statewide issue in California which requires solutions and the development of new regulatory and legislative framework. Other agencies such as firefighters, construction companies, California Conservation Corps and the National Weather Service are working hard to cooperate in making changes as needed. Several utilities companies, including Southern California Edison (SCE), are striving to improve and find ways to meet the challenge. About a quarter of SCE's 59,000 square miles service territory in Central, Coastal and Southern California is in areas with high risk for fires.

Some of the ongoing programs are aggressive vegetation management, robust efforts to improve construction of homes, evaluate new technology, such as drones, to help monitor areas in a high risk for fires and working closely with local fire agencies during a fire. The Conservation Corps recently received a grant from Edison to help reduce fuel for fires by removing dead and dying trees in forests throughout the state.

For more info on agencies and fire fighting go to the following links: www.sce.com/wildfires

www.FEMA.gov

www.ccc.ca.gov

www.americanredcrdoss.org

www.salvationarmy.com

www.aspca.com

www.calfire.com

www.calfire.gov

#### Fires in California

By Richard Batistelli, Cub Reporter

The Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD), including both strike teams and various apparatus, has been quite active in recent months as a result of numerous fires spreading statewide. The Holy, Cranston, Freeway 1 & 2, Carr and the Mendocino are but a few of the named fires in California. Some of these fires continue to burn as we speak.

"Mutual Aid" is a term used to describe the quick response by the various fire agencies to address these fires under the Response Vehicle. California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

While the state coordinates these local resources, the HBFD Learning From Each Experience as do other departments, provides the equipment and manpower. Recently the HBFD was selected as a lead department by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to In the past, my challenge to utilize CERT training help has staff a "Green Fire Engine" to provide personnel and to travel throughout the state to help with disasters and major emergencies.

The experience and knowledge gained will better serve our community when needed here in Huntington Beach. A Big "High Five" to our HB Fire Fighters!

### From My Red Cross Desk

By Richard Batistelli

One recent breezy Saturday morning, our intrepid volunteers from Orange and San Bernardino joined forces to entertain hundreds of prepubescent citizens and their parents, in an annual event billed as "Truck Adventures for Kids."

vehicles: tractors, cranes, and equipment trailers; school its side with the rider rolling off. children to see, explore, sit in, honk the horns, set the the 900 pound machine. trucks each day.

The Red Cross took this opportunity to show the new addition to its emergency fleet. Arriving just weeks before, we drove our "New Generation ERV" (Emergency Response Vehicle) to the Orange County Fairgrounds for what we thought was a static display.

In order to protect our brand new ERV from those inquiring small fry basically ravaging the ERV, it became necessary to lock up parts of the vehicle. Also these young citizens could not understand my detailed explanation of the purpose of the ERV. After several unsuccessful attempts, I finally called it an "emergency food ambulance." This description seemed to resonate with my young audience. My only other

concern, which was shared with my fellow volunteers, was the constant honking of horns and siren sounds which at my delicate age, does not help with audio activity.

At the end of the day, we left with a new fondness for the next generation of Americans and with just a little ringing in our ears.

Writer's Note: If interested in an "up close and personal" view of the "New Gen ERV," come to the CERT Disaster Expo scheduled for September 29 to see our Emergency

By John Bishop

been the belief that "someone else will take care of it" or "there must be someone more qualified to help than me". During a USA road trip this summer, four events took place where CERT training went into autopilot. Each time, I either used what I remembered from a past situation or learned something new. These "real-life" scenarios are shared in a four part series, beginning with Part 1 in this newsletter and continuing in the next three newsletters.

Part 1 – "Top Heavy"

It was a beautiful HOG (Harley Owners Group) ride through Smoky Mountain National Park except there were so many bikes the flow was slow and sporadic. Being from SoCal, this was nothing new. Riding a big, heavy motorcycle slowly is a tricky and often hazardous endeavor.

For those of us unfamiliar with this "adventure" theme, Our CERT training teaches us to stay aware and always including we volunteers, children are able to get up close survey dangerous situations. I spotted the over-packed, top and personal with all types of trucks and other vehicles they -heavy touring bike with Canada plates a couple bikes see every day on the road. Included in this showcase were ahead of us. During a particularly slow point, the fateful emergency vehicles: police, fire, ambulances; construction wobble and over-lean was obvious. Down the bike went on Problem was, the buses, delivery and service vans. The intent was for those passenger was stuck on the bike with her leg stuck under Many other riders quickly sirens, turn the dials and talk to the people who drive these dismounted to assist and their first reaction was to pull the passenger's leg out. CERT also taught us about leverage and making sure we do not make matters worse while helping. Sometimes this means just slowing everything

> After calming the passenger and instructing another biker to help the driver (who was fine, but embarrassed), it was clear the best solution was simply to lift the large motorcycle with the passenger intact. She was not injured, just stuck.

> Hopefully, this story reinforces our CERT training in situation awareness, quick site assessment and the power of calming things down.

### 2018 US Open of Surfing

By Susan McClaran

This year's US Open, July 28 to August 5, proved to be Our July 12th CERT monthly meeting featured speakers another successful event for the community. The weather was beautiful, somewhat more humid than past years, the water was gorgeous and the crowds, fantastic.

CERT staffed the First Aid Tent under the direction of the HB Fire Dept. and we logged in over 300 volunteer hours. We were able to assist approximately 237 folks, mostly minor injuries, with a handful more severe. Most injuries were minor cuts and scrapes, with lots of cleanup and bandages provided.

past, but the new and improved walkways got slippery as the sand accumulated, causing a lot of slips and falls. I think most of us would take the scrapes over the splinters, any day. We had some bee stings, but thankfully not the stingrays....only a couple were called in to paramedics this vear.

The humidity brought a lot of people into the tent to cool down as many are not used to that kind of heat. We were able to provide them with our powerful "jet engine" fan, icepacks and something cold to drink. I believe our most severe injury this year was a young teen who found out for the first time that he had developed an allergy to nuts. After sampling a free Cliff bar being handed out at the event, he became very ill and, if it were not for the friends he was with bringing him to the tent, he could very well have died, as we all know that severe allergic reactions are a life threatening illness. The fast acting CERT team, worked together to get EMT's in route and the young man was taken care of very Cheers to CERT.

Speaking of Cheers and Teamwork--A very special thank you to all the volunteers: John Bishop, Nancy Boyer, Melisse Bridges, Greg Chastain, Stephanie Deagle, Cynthia Goebel, Laurie Gruender, Mimi Irvin, Brenda Low, Deborah Morris-Quinterro, Cesar Rodriguez, Barbara Scott, Bunny Slaughter, Patrick Upstill, Corvi Urling, Linda Vircks, Linda Vollmar and Maria Young. So again, Thank you, Volunteers!

Our HB Fire Dept. is the best of the best and we were well watched over and taken care of by Battalion Chiefs: Dave McBride, Mark Daggett and Jeff Lopez. In turn, they were so very thankful to all of the CERT volunteers and expressed how they could not do this event without us.

Lastly, a very special "Thank You" to our very own, Carol and Brevyn, for all your hard work and support, Cesar for getting to the beach at 6am the first day and helping me set up the tent and Phil Burtis....my parking lot security guard and walking buddy, each morning. Thank you all so very much.

### July 12, 2018 General Meeting

By Virginia Petrelis

from the Dayle McIntosh Center (DMC). The Center provides assistance that facilitates both individual and community options for independent living. Most DMC programs were developed as a result of requests from people with disabilities, who defined gaps in services to address needs in their lives.

The first speaker was Bruce Morgan, Operations Manager at DMC. He has a background as an EMT/firefighter, has worked at NOAA and was also supervisor of a supportive We did not have the splinter problem we have had in years employment program for adults with intellectual disabilities.

> Mr. Morgan prepares and oversees implementation of safety policies, procedures and plans; monitors and maintains facility and equipment leasing, use, repairs and upgrades; provides oversight for the nursing home Transition Program and serves as DMC representative relevant to emergency preparedness and response.

> The second speaker was Paul Brennan with his service dog. Jeremiah. Paul is an Independent Living Services (ILS) instructor for the blind. He explained the use of the white cane, how to introduce yourself to a blind person and how to respect his service dog. He also described the various public safety measures.

The third speaker was Nick Engstler, Deaf Services Coordinator, who spoke about the unique problems of deaf people. Nick discussed American Sign Language and quickly. It was awesome to see the teamwork in the tent. demonstrated a few words. We were given a booklet "100 Signs for Emergencies" which could be useful when dealing with deaf people during an emergency or in a shelter.

> A note from Phil Burtis: "It was a great night. Thanks to all who participated. I googled American Sign Language (ASL) just to see what is out there and for anyone interested there's learning app www.theaslapp.com recommending, just noticing how much stuff is really there when you look. For more information on the Dayle McIntosh Center, go to: www.daylemc.com



National Night Out is a nation wide event where many organizations take the time to go out, talk to people, answer questions, provide information and generate trust in the community. It is 100% family oriented. As a visitor, I talked to the pilot of HB1, the driver of the SWAT truck, the kids from HB Search & Rescue, K9 "Marco" and his handler, CERT and the guys from HB RACES.

I touched more stuff and asked more questions than the kids. I got stickers too! It was a really fun event. I am grateful for having all these great people helping our community.

### **National Night Out**

By Raji Shunmugavel

The Tuesday, August 7, 2018 event went from 4pm to 8pm in the Target Shopping center at Brookhurst and Adams, Huntington Beach. I volunteered with RACES as CERT Communicator, in case they needed help communications.

I arrived at 3:45pm, but Carol and Phil Burtis were there, had already set up the Emergency Response Trailer and were ready for the event. Carol did an outstanding job of demonstrating how to shut off the gas at the meter. The roster up to date, assigns net control operators, notes inside tour of the Emergency Trailer was also interesting.

Whenever there is a disaster like "Holy Fire" in the Holy Jim Canyon, it is the psychology of the community to visit events like National Night Out and seek information regarding how the City would protect them during the disaster and afterwards.

prepared before a disaster and recover from a disaster afterwards." Several people asked questions about Radios and how CERT and RACES work together. members recommended Bob Dow and I visit the old command post vehicle where they operated before the new bombarded with inquiries about call signs. WCARC (West Coast Amateur Radio Club), RACES and CERT members' information about disaster preparedness. amazing experience.

### Mobile Home Advisory Board Meeting, July 23, 2018 By Cynthia Goebel

The July 23<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting of the Mobile Home Advisory Board had as its speaker, CERT member Mimi Irvin. Her subject was Emergency Preparedness. Using her PowerPoint presentation as a guideline, she expanded on the topics by sharing how her family dealt with some of the suggested preparations. Her humor and enthusiasm kept the small audience engaged and sharing ideas and products.

One item she shared, that was new to me, is the LifeStraw personal water filter which, with proper use and maintenance, will provide 4,000 liters of clean, safe drinking water. LifeStraw is available from Amazon.

### **HAM Radio Experiences**

By Raji Shunmugavel

An amateur radio net, or simply ham net, is an "on-the-air" gathering of amateur radio operators. On Monday evening at 7:15pm RACES conducts a net using the 2 meter band followed by a second net on the 440 MHz band. On Officer Wilson, and of course, my fellow volunteers from Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, there is a Huntington Beach CERT net on the 2 meter net.

> The purpose of the weekly net is to check the function of the radio and make sure the communicators improve their skills by following the established protocols. It invites nearby visitors to check in and form a bigger group.

> During a major disaster, when every method of communication fails, (computer and cell phones) the remaining method is radio communication via radio waves. Before the weekly net, the communicators check their power resources like batteries, their antenna and other During the net they are listening and accessories. responding by transmitting as needed. This training on the net becomes very useful during a callout.

> The roster designer plays an important role in this training. For our Wednesday CERT net, Paul LaGreek keeps the modifications and notifies members of any changes. With Paul's leadership, the group functions efficiently.

At this year's American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day and July 4th Parade I had a chance to volunteer with many communicators from RACES and CERT. Two weeks before the events, volunteers are required mandatory CERT volunteers work hard to relay the message of "Be attendance at the RACES monthly planning and debriefing meetings.

RACES The Field Day helped me to improve my skills on radio usage with 40 and 60 meter station setups and practice on CW (Morse Code) communications. The Field Day ran from HB Emergency Response Trailer was acquired. I was Friday, June 22 to Sunday, June 23 and some of us camped out at the Beach on Golden West and Pacific Coast Highway. Fellow Communicators Joe Tom, Richard families visited our trailer and said "Hi" as well as picked up Batistelli and Jon Welfringer taught me about which tents It was an would be helpful during a disaster. It was a cold windy weekend, but all the tents stood up to the weather.

> At the July 4th Parade I had an opportunity to be partnered with Richard Batistelli and could work on the 440 MHz band as we were at the end of the parade route on the corner of Main and Clay Streets at the First Aid Tent with our team We were supposed to report on medical members. emergencies, drones and keep the lost and found items. The first aid team primarily gave out water bottles to the returning float participants and other parade workers. The weather was sunny and hot. Carol Burtis was working in the City Hall and Phil Burtis was our setup helper.

## Sunset Beach Annual Pancake Breakfast and Emergency Prep Expo July 14, 2018 By Roy Alzua

This annual event was held Saturday, July 14th, at the Sunset Beach Community Center. HB CERT members Richard Batistelli and Roy Alzua distributed emergency preparation materials and answered questions at HB CERT and American Red Cross booths. Members of the Huntington Beach Fire Department also stopped by to answer questions and greet the community.

The approximately 200 community attendees were treated to a surprise visit by Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, 48th Congressional District of California. Congressman Rohrabacher stopped by the HB CERT Booth and expressed great praise for the CERT Program and emphasized the economy and value of this federal program.









# **CERT Training Requirements Guide**

Carol Burtis carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org Huntington Beach Fire Department 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Phone 714-536-5979

Community Emergency Response volunteers must meet the following requirements:

### Requirements for completing CERT Basic Training

FEMA CERT Basic Training - 20 hours

FEMA IS 317 Introduction to CERT: https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317

Be at least 16 years old to be able to graduate.

Complete a CERT Application form.

### Requirements to be a CERT Member (Huntington Beach Fire Department Volunteer)

FEMA CERT Basic Training - 20 hours

**Live Scan** - Cost \$42-\$50 (depending on where you have it done)

FEMA IS 317 Introduction to CERT: https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED \* - 6 hour class - Taught several times a year by CERT - Cost \$35

CERT Responder Course - 6 hours - Taught once a year by CERT

### Requirements to be a CMAP (CERT Mutual Aid) Volunteer for Orange County

FEMA CERT Basic Training - 20 hours

FEMA IS 317 Introduction to CERT: https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317

**Live Scan** - Cost \$42-\$50 (depending on where you have it done)

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED \* - 6 hour class - Taught several times a year by CERT - Cost \$35

CERT Responder Course - 6 hours - Taught once a year by CERT

Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals - Taught a few times a year by Red Cross

FEMA IS 100 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b

FEMA IS 200 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b

FEMA IS 700 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b

### Requirements to be a CERT Team Leader

FEMA CERT Basic Training - 20 hours

**FEMA IS 317 Introduction to CERT:** https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317

**Live Scan** - Cost \$42-\$50 (depending on where you have it done)

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED \* - 6 hour class - Taught several times a year by CERT - Cost \$35

CERT Responder Course - 6 hours - Taught once a year by CERT

Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals - Taught a few times a year by Red Cross

FEMA IS 100 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b

FEMA IS 200 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b

FEMA IS 700 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b

**CERT Leadership Training** 

Member of HB CERT at least 1 year

Quarterly participation in CERT activities or events

1 year on team which you wish to Lead

FEMA IS 240 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-240.b

<sup>\*</sup> or equivalent type of class



## 20 Hour FEMA CERT Training Classes

### **REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

Carol Burtis @ 714-536-5979 or email carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org











The CERT Basic Series consists of nine units that build on each other and end with a disaster drill where you can practice what you have learned. Unit topics include:

### **Disaster Preparedness & Terrorism**

Learn what threats Huntington Beach residents face, how the City will respond in a disaster, and how you can get your home, family, neighborhood, school and/or business prepared to respond to emergencies.

### Disaster First Aid (Medical Ops I & II)

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake, or other disasters, and the ABC's of disaster first aid. Additional topics include splints, slings, treating burns, impaled objects and shock. Learn how to triage disaster victims.

### **Light Search & Rescue/Fire Suppression**

Learn how to do a safety size-up, lift 1000+ pounds using simple leverage techniques, properly search for trapped victims, shore up an unsafe structure, and safely move the injured. Learn to use a fire extinguisher and put out a live fire, fire safety and prevention, how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Finish the class with a disaster drill that will test your newly acquired skills.

# The classes are Free, but you must attend all 3 classes to graduate

### **Class Dates and Times:**

Friday, Nov. 2, 2018; 6:00-10:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018; 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018; 8:00am-5:00pm



## Disaster Preparedness Expo Saturday, Sept. 29 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call Carol Burtis
714-536-5979
or email
carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org







## Hosted by the Huntington Beach Fire Department CERT Program

Please join us at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM for our Disaster Preparedness Expo! Come learn how you can be better prepared for all types of disasters. Bring the kids! We will have information and activities provided by:

- Huntington Beach CERT
- Huntington Beach Explorers
- Huntington Beach Fire Department
- Huntington Beach Marine Safety
- Huntington Beach Police Department
- Huntington Beach RACES
- National Weather Service
- SCART (Surf City Animal Response Team)
- Southern California Edison
- Southern California Gas Company
- The American Red Cross







### US OPEN JULY 28 through AUGUST 5, 2018









### HB FIRE DEPARTMENT FIGHTING CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

















### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 7, 2018**















### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 7, 2018 (continued)

















### RED CROSS DESK, TRUCK ADVENTURES FOR KIDS









### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT

### Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is to provide information and training on disaster preparedness; provide leadership and coordination during an emergency, and assistance to help victims recover from an emergency.

### **Upcoming CERT Events & Activities**

- Senior Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Pier Plaza
- 1st Aid/CPR/AED Class, September 15, 2018, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Register on CERT member portal
- CERT General Membership Meeting, September 13 2018, 6:30 PM in B8
- Police Department Open House, September 22, 2018, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at City hall
- Disaster EXPO, September 29, 2018, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, HB Central Library, Register on CERT member portal to help
- CERT General Membership Meeting, October 11, 2018, 6:30 PM in B8
- Fire Department Open House, October 13, 2018, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Gothard Fire Station
- Air Show, October 19 –21, 2018, Register on CERT member portal to help.

#### **CPR Classes**

Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee.

- Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 pm − 9:00 pm
- Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 24, 6:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Saturday, November 17, 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 pm − 9:00 pm
- Saturday, December 8, 10:00 am 1:00 pm

To enroll in CPR classes, call 800-400-4277 or 714-556-4277. Class location is in the HB area and exact location given at time of enrollment.

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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

CERT Message line 714-536-5974 (THIS IS A MESSAGE LINE ONLY!)