

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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Rain and more rain predicted for Saturday, March 17, forced cancellation of the Disaster Preparedness EXPO. Everything was all set except for the weather.

The event will likely be rescheduled for this fall. I thank all of the CERT members who volunteered to help at this event, especially the booth team who in spite of the weather, set up a CERT information booth inside the library.

The sandbag team was ready to help seniors and the disabled but no calls for sandbags were received on the CERT line. As a result, there was no major activity for CERT members in March.

The CERT management team has been busy planning the first CERT Save-A-Life Saturday (SALS) class to be held in the HB Council Chambers on April 21. As of the end of March, we have 70 individuals signed up for the 2012 CERT SALS classes. Space is still available. The 2012 CERT SALS class flyer is included in this newsletter.

If you missed some of the classes last year, you can complete them this year. Once you have completed all four classes, you will receive a graduation certificate signed by the Mayor and you'll be better prepared to help your family and neighborhood in the event of a disaster. With additional training, you can become a City of Huntington Beach Fire Department Volunteer and participate in city-wide CERT activities outside your neighborhood. Once you are a Fire Department Volunteer, you can become a County Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) Volunteer by taking American Red Cross Shelter Operations training.

Current 2012 Requirements for CERT Member Certifications:

A : Certificate of CERT class graduation — Basic three SALS classes (Disaster Living Class not required but highly recommended.)

B: Fire Department Volunteer — **A** plus HB Police Department Live Scan (\$35 cost to you), complete ICS 100 and ICS 200 on-line or attend the Responder Class to be taught later in the year. The First Aid Class is, once again, a requirement since Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator, is now certified to teach this class. It will be scheduled sometime late summer in the EOC.

C: **B** plus American Red Cross Shelter Operations Class.



Thank you to Booth Team members at Library, 3-17-2012 Roy Alzua, Raji Shunmugavel, Graciela Ennis Becerra, Jesse Becerra, Richard Batistelli and Bob Smith

In Loving Memory of Luther Brandon, JR.

1934—2012



Husband of Billie Jean Brandon, a charter member of HB CERT. The CERT family will miss all the support JR gave to the CERT program since 1991.



HB CERT HIGHLIGHTS

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CLASS 1

Disaster Preparedness Speakers Available

It is time to schedule a Disaster Preparedness Presentation for your neighborhood, business, school, civic organization or church. This is a perfect way to introduce our "Save-A-Life" Saturday Classes to the residents of Huntington Beach. It is easy and it is FREE!

Five Simple Steps:

1. Find a place to host an hour-long presentation given by a trained HBFD CERT Volunteer Speaker.
2. Choose a convenient date and time for your group.
3. Call the CERT Message Line (714-536-5974) or log on the CERT website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert (click on left column "schedule disaster presentation"). Please give us at least three weeks notice and we will do our best to accommodate your group.
4. CERT will provide a flyer to distribute to your neighborhood or group.
5. Host to provide simple refreshments to be enjoyed at the end of the meeting. Our CERT Speaker will provide all printed material and even bring a door prize for your guests.

Barbeque Safety Tips (from FEMA)

Use Barbecue Grills Safely

Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.

Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.

Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking food.

Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Use only outdoors! If used indoors or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, barbecue grills pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide.

Charcoal Grills

Purchase the proper starter fluid and store out of reach of children and away from heat sources.

Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Propane Grills

Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will reveal escaping propane quickly by releasing bubbles.

If you determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame:

- Turn off the propane tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel. Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door

The City of Huntington Beach is one of the best places to live, work, and play. The city actively protects its beautiful beaches and waterways. Storm water is controlled by the curb and gutters you see on the streets and by the collection systems in place--the storm sewer system. Catch basins that are stenciled "No Dumping Drains to Ocean" take water quickly away, protecting property and you from flooding. Rain and excess water picks up everything in its path then drains, untreated, into local waterways. You can help!

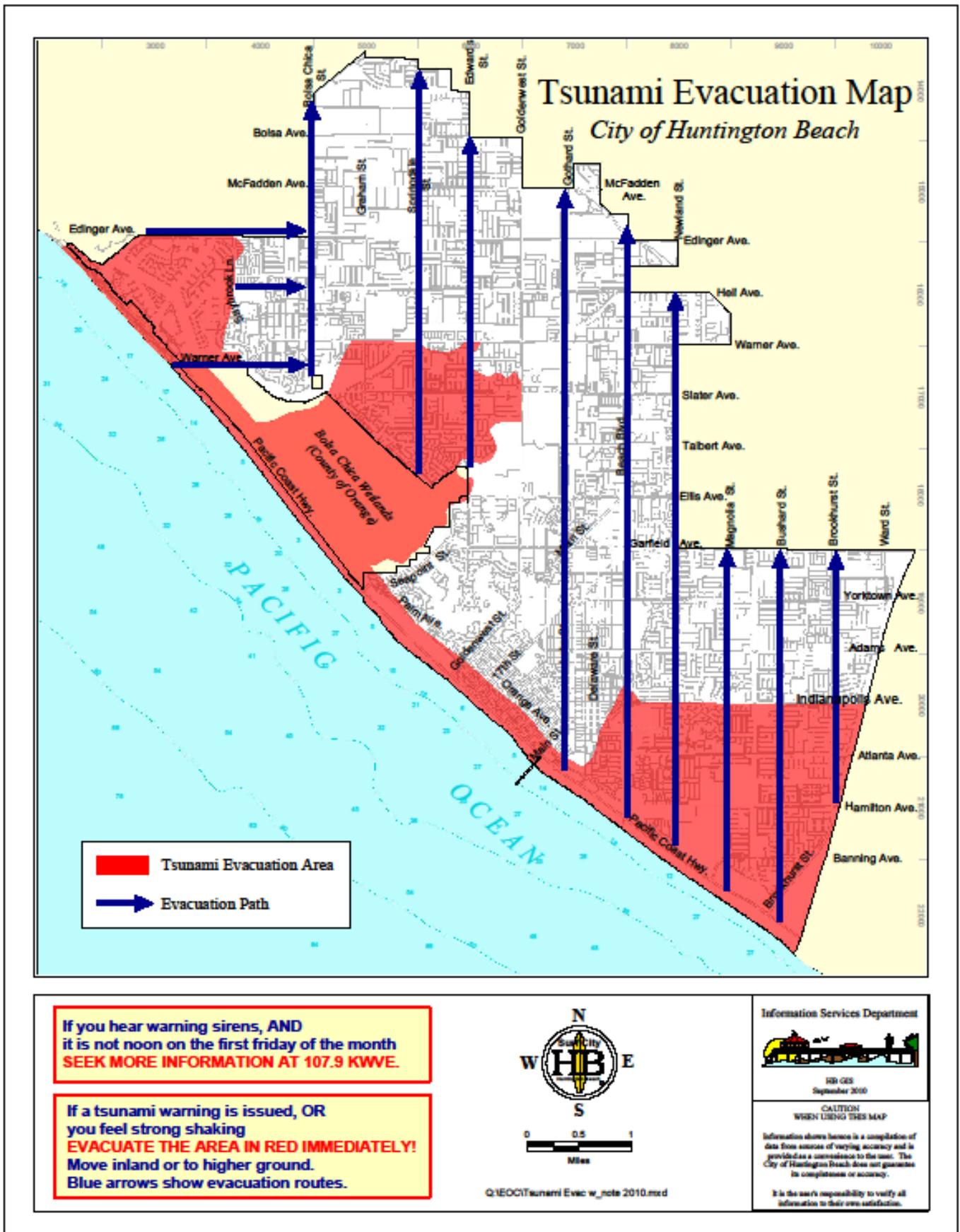
- Use a broom instead of a hose.
- Put trash, cigarette and pet waste in its place – don't litter.
- Never dump anything in the gutter.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on your lawn so the grass filters the pollutants out.
- Remember, "The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door!"

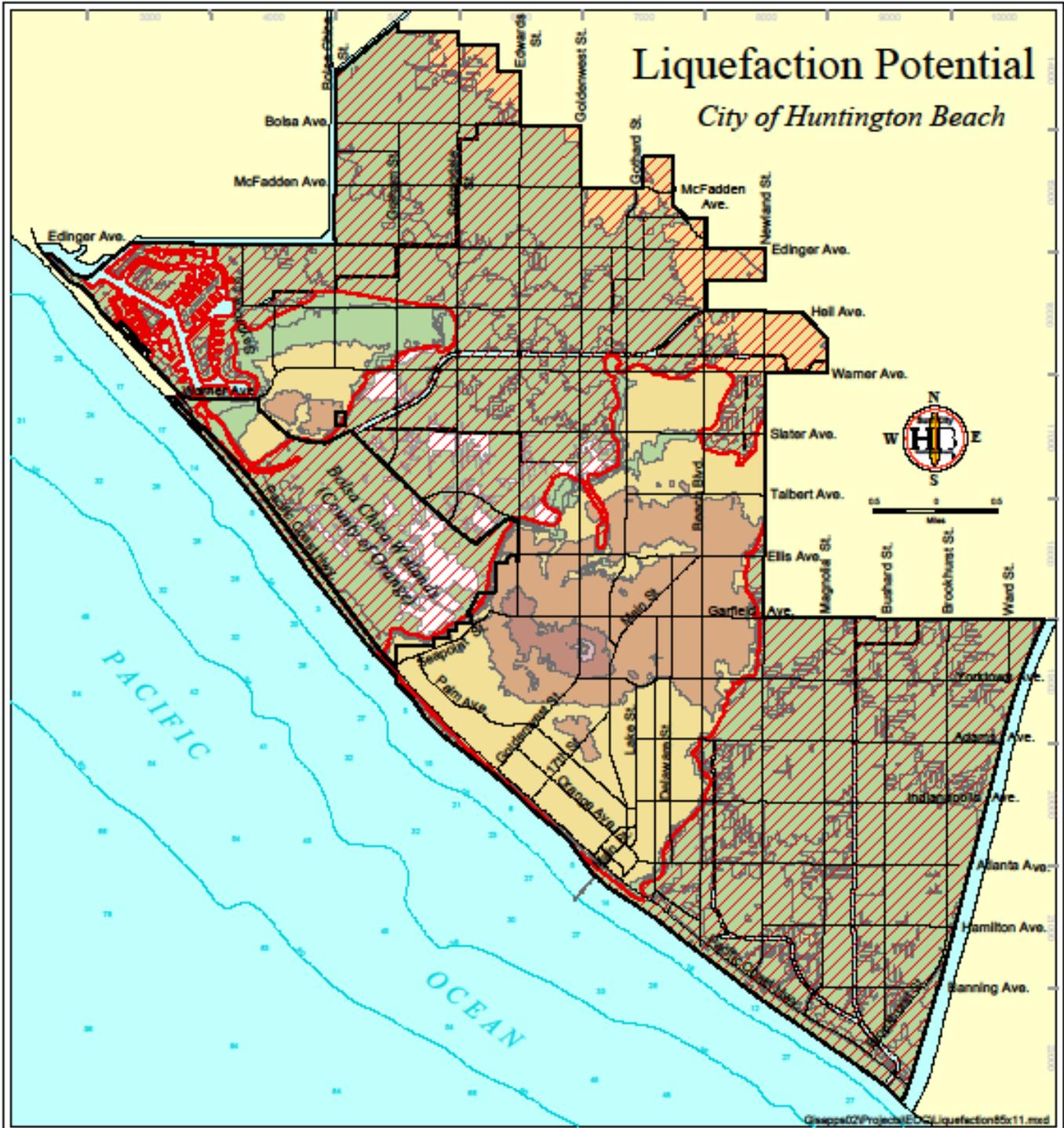
Visit www.ocwatersheds.com for more information.



The City of Huntington Beach offers educational and informative maps for use by the general public. Included in this newsletter are the maps for tsunami evacuation and

liquefaction potential for the City of Huntington Beach. To view more maps, go to: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/about/maps.





-  Potential Areas of Liquefaction
-  City Boundary
-  Major Streets
-  Isobath
- Various Depth Soundings
- Address Block Ranges

- ### Elevation in Feet
-  Below 0
 -  0 to 25
 -  25 to 50
 -  50 to 75
 -  75 to 100
 -  Above 100

CAUTION
WEEK-END USE ONLY

Information shown herein is a compilation of data from various sources of varying accuracy and is provided as a convenience to the user. The City of Huntington Beach does not guarantee its completeness or accuracy.

It is the user's responsibility to verify all information in their own satisfaction.

Information Services Department



HB GIS
October 2008

Become a Fire Department Volunteer

Get Your Home and Family Prepared

In most disasters, the victim or bystander is the first to respond. Do you know what to do?

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a FEMA endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency response personnel could become overwhelmed and resources will be limited. By becoming CERT trained, you will gain the skills to help emergency responders save lives and property. Once you have completed the training, you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department CERT volunteer.



What Will I Learn?

In the *Save-A-Life Saturday* series, you will learn:

- How to prepare your home and family for a disaster
- How to perform basic first aid and CPR
- How to safely search a building for trapped victims and rescue them
- How to put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- How to survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe



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What do CERT Volunteers do?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. You will be taught to manage a disaster in your home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of your home, family and neighborhood, you will help the city with duties such as, providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire Department and Police Department.



Huntington Beach Fire Department

**CLASSES ARE FREE
BUT YOU MUST
REGISTER ONLINE AT**

www.Huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL**

714-374-1565



Save-A-Life Saturday Schedule

The series consists of four classes that build on each other and ends with a disaster drill where you can practice what you have learned. You must attend all classes to graduate.

Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness

April 21, 2012 7:45AM to 3:30PM Civic Center

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. *Lunch Provided*

Class 2: Disaster First Aid (Medical Ops I & II)

May 19, 2012 7:45AM to 3:30PM Civic Center

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. *Bring Bag Lunch*

Class 3: Disaster Living

June 16, 2012 7:45AM to 3:30PM Civic Center

Learn how and where to set up an outdoor shelter in a disaster. Whether in your yard or at a park, you will have to care for yourself and neighbors until the Red Cross establishes indoor shelters. Learn skills such as tenting, outdoor cooking and sanitation. *Lunch Provided*

Class 4: Light Search & Rescue/Fire Suppression

July 21, 2012 7:45AM to 4PM Fire Training Center

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. *Bring Bag Lunch*

Civic Center Address: 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, 92648

Fire Training Center Address: 18301 Gothard Street



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

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.

CPR Classes

Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee. Dates are listed below:

- Wednesday, April 11, 6 to 9 pm
- Saturday, April 21, 10:00am to 1:00pm
- Saturday, May 5, 10:00am to 1:00pm
- Wednesday, May 23rd - 6 PM to 9 PM
- Saturday, June 16th - 10 AM to 1 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.

CERT Database

Fire Department Volunteers (CERT members) have the opportunity to be added to the new CERT database by contacting me to update their information. **E-mail Peter Petrelis at pgpworks@verizon.net**

Upcoming Events

- **April 5, 2012** - 6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members.
- **April 21 2012** - First Save-A-Life Saturday CERT Class (must pre-register, see attached flyer)
- **May 3, 2012** - 6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members.
- **May 19, 2012** - First Save-A-Life Saturday CERT Class (must pre-register, see attached flyer)
- **June 7, 2012** - 6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members.

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Attention! If you want something placed in the Upcoming Events, e-mail Judy Ann at jamorris189@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

CERT Website: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert **CERT Contact:** CERT@surfcity-hb.org
CERT Message line 714-536-5974, (THIS IS A MESSAGE LINE ONLY!)