



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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## HB CERT HIGHLIGHTS

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**CLASS 1**

### Special Needs Focus at Upcoming

#### CERT Monthly Meetings

*BY Phil Burtis*

At many of our events where we deal with the public, there could be situations where we will have people who have special needs. In the event of an actual disaster response, this could be handled well with proper knowledge, education and preparedness, rather than making it worse coupling panic with an existing condition. To help prepare for such situations, we are going to begin a series of special meetings where we will address dealing with people with special needs.

The first presentation will be at the May 11, 2017 monthly CERT meeting which will discuss Autism. The second presentation will be the July 13 meeting which will discuss Alzheimer's.

These are important topics, especially for those CERT members who routinely interact with the public, such as working in a first aid booth at events or working the marathon or parade. We want as many volunteers as possible to know the signs and techniques for dealing with people with special needs that could improve our ability to assist the individual.

#### Special Needs 01: May: Autism

The May 11, 2017 CERT monthly meeting will be about Autism. The number of children diagnosed with Autism or related disorders has grown at what many call an alarming rate. In the 1970s and 1980s, about one out of every 2,000 children had Autism. Today, the Center For Disease Control (CDC) estimates that one in 150 eight year old children in the U.S. has an Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD. There is an ongoing debate as to whether the rate is increasing or simply the awareness and diagnostic abilities are improving.

To help us understand more about

Autism, its symptoms and effects, we will have Kelly McKinnon-Birmingham (MA, BCBA) as guest speaker on the topic. Kelly is the Director of Behavior Intervention Services at The Center for Autism and other Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, on the volunteer faculty position at UCI. Additionally, Kelly is on the faculty at Chapman University in the graduate behavioral analysis program.

#### Special Needs 02: July: Alzheimer's

The July 13, 2017 CERT monthly meeting will be on Alzheimer's Disease and how to engage people who may be in a given stage of that disease. As our population ages, this disease is affecting more and more of us and many of us have to deal with it in a family situation.

To help us understand more about Alzheimer's, our two speakers will be Susannah Morales (MSW) and Larissa Haiker (MSW) from the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County Chapter.

Susannah is the Program & Education Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County Chapter. Susannah joined the Alzheimer's Association in 2007 after volunteering for the Alzheimer's Association, San Diego Chapter. Her work includes presenting educational and psycho-educational classes for family caregivers, professionals, and the community; developing, monitoring and evaluating programs and services; and providing individual and family care consultations.

Larissa is the Program & Education Specialist at the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County Chapter. She provides disease education to families, students, professionals and the public; has experience running specialized support groups for caregivers and people with Early Alzheimer's; and provides care consultation services to families.

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## Special Needs Focus at Upcoming

### CERT Monthly Meetings (continued)

#### About the The Center for Autism, Orange County

Our mission is to provide help and hope to children and families living with the challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ADHD and other neurodevelopmental disorders. If your family is touched by one of these disorders, we want you to know that we understand, we care, and we're here to help..

Not only do we provide early identification and intervention, we also provide excellence in clinical care and a wide range of educational resources and research to increase our understanding of these disorders—and hopefully one day eliminates them altogether. Working together through a team approach, we help parents and families navigate the system, overcome obstacles and assist children in reaching their optimal potential.

<http://www.thecenter4autism.org/About-Us/Overview>

#### About the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County Chapter

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Orange County Chapter provides local care and support to hundreds of families living with disease through our 24/7 Helpline, care consultations, support groups, message boards, MedicAlert + Safe Return®, resources/referrals, and family, professional and community education. Thompson Reuters recognizes the Alzheimer's Association as the most impactful Alzheimer's organization in the world. The Association works on a global, national and local level to enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

<http://www.alz.org/oc/>

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP ON THE CERT PORTAL FOR THE MAY 20, DISASTER LIVING CLASS, 8:00AM TO AFTER LUNCH TO BE HELD AT THE HB CITY CIVIC CENTER.**

Huntington Beach CERT member, Stephanie Deagle invites CERT members to attend a "PAINT OUR CANCER" event on June 3 at Deli-licious. It will be an evening of painting, dinner, drinks and fun. The cost is a \$40.00 cash donation to the American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE HUNTINGTON BEACH. See flyer on page 19.

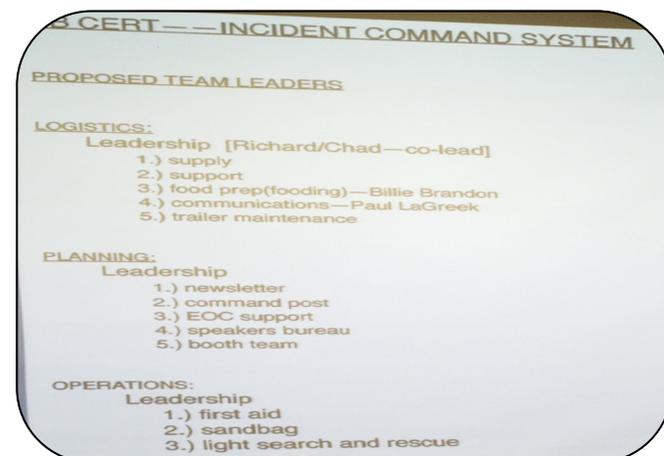
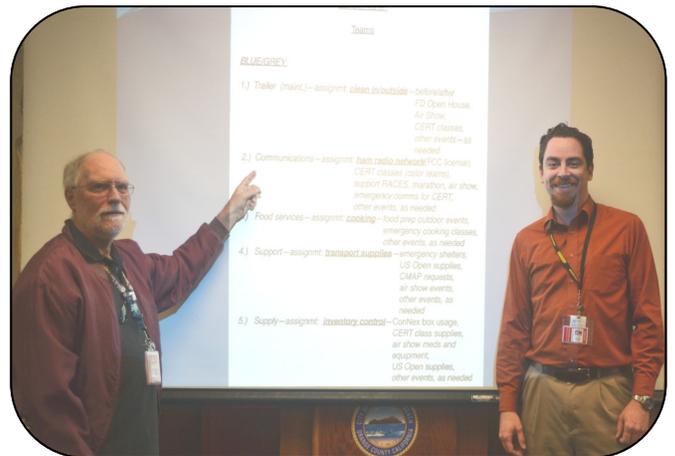
## **The Logistics Team Needs You!**

*By Virginia Petrelis*

What is the definition of "logistics?" It is: "The things that must be done to plan and organize a complicated activity or event that involves many people." At our April 13, 2017 General Meeting, Richard Batistelli and Chad Hicks-Beech, co-leaders of the Logistics Team, presented a power point on the functions of the team.

Without a logistics team, CERT would not be able to have classes, drill your skills days, disaster living classes, first aid booths at the US Open, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, or air show. Outdoor activities are especially labor intensive. Lots of equipment may need to be moved from the EOC or cargo containers to the fire training station, senior center or the beach and then returned. Another activity is to maintain the CERT trailer. Indoor activities involve setting up rooms, moving tables and chairs, making coffee, and cleaning up afterwards.

As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." Richard and Chad cannot do it alone. Let's build up our logistics team. Please volunteer to help out whenever you can, even if only for an hour or two. You can call Richard at 818-469-4707 for more information.



## **Experiences of three HB CERT Members Who Participated in the Air EX17 at John Wayne Airport April 14, 2017**

### **John Wayne Airport Drill**

*By Barbara Tonelli*

It was a crisp morning on April 14<sup>th</sup> at John Wayne Airport (JWA) where a full-scale, mass-casualty exercise was held, involving more than 500 volunteers, observers, support staff and emergency responders. More than 100 members of local CERTs participated as volunteer victims. (It was an excellent representation, and we even made the 5:00 p.m. ABC news broadcast!)

Staged on the west side of the actual JWA airfield, it was loud and authentic. The drill allowed Airport officials and emergency responders to test and practice operational capabilities in response to a simulated aircraft accident involving a 90-passenger, commercial service airplane and a four-seat helicopter. CERT volunteers were moulage prepped and our roles as victims ranged in severity from non-life threatening, critical, immediates, and expired.

Prior to the start of the exercise, we were instructed to board the training aircraft, secure our seatbelts, and place our food trays in their upright and closed position. Then without warning, the airhorn sounded to signal the start of the drill, chaos ensued. There was screaming, fear, confusion, and panic while the flight attendant personnel effectively commanded all ambulatory passengers off of the plane.

Pausing for only a moment at the exit door, trying to gain my bearings and overlooking the taxiway, I witnessed billowing smoke, and only a couple of officers directing terrified victims (I was one of them). Even though it was a drill, we all embraced complete disorientation. Many passengers were unable to locate loved ones as we were directed to different locations based on the severity of injuries. Two volunteer victims were physically airlifted by helicopter to the Costa Mesa Police Department and returned to the exercise via squad car--a perk to arriving first to the exercise for the E-Ticket ride! A Chaplain was also available who offered a calming presence for volunteer victims.

In addition to JWA personnel, the Orange County Fire Authority responded with 50+ vehicles, 200 personnel from Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Station 33, neighboring fire stations engaged with their engines, medic units, command vehicles, a heavy rescue vehicle and various support vehicles, including one helicopter. More than 40 ambulances, coordinated by Care Ambulance, responded and transported victims to a simulated hospital.

It was a full day immersed with energy, adrenaline, excitement, and camaraderie. We made friends with CERT members representing all of Orange County. However, at the end of the exercise, we all left the drill wiser, exhausted, more confident, and ultimately humbled by the incredible dedication of our courageous first responders.

### **A View Window at an Airplane Accident**

*By Richard Batistelli*

I recently participated in AirEX17, the 2017 John Wayne Airport (JWA) Triennial Air Disaster drill. This exercise is a FAA airport certification requirement of all major airports in the United States. Every three years the Emergency Preparedness and Security staff at JWA creates a full scale runway exercise. Its purpose is to test its personnel in training for a real disaster. Over 300 victims, airport staff, local fire and police departments, private ambulance companies, state and federal agencies and other airports were involved in this simulated event.

Along with my co-volunteer Raji Shunmugavel from Huntington Beach CERT, as well as many members of CERT teams from around Orange County, we, as victims, became mass-casualties of a helicopter/passenger jet collision on the runway 1E. We were assigned roles to play as first-responders who arrived on this major accident scene.

These firefighters, some from airport fire trucks, first put out the fire (only Hollywood smoke) then proceeded onto the aircraft to inspect, care for, and remove the survivors. Some of us, unfortunately deceased, were left behind. (Each of us was tagged as to our previously assigned injuries.)

As I watched from my airplane window, the same first aid training in triage we CERT members have all received, was played out in real time by these firemen. The red, yellow, green and sadly, black, tarps were all quickly laid out. Then the survivors were moved to their appropriate location; those on the red tarp were quickly placed in ambulances and transported to local hospitals. The more fortunate were treated at the scene.

As we were told in a pre-event briefing, the main focus was on communications and preparedness of all responders called to the event. As one of those who finally left the plane at the end of the drill (the dead leaving last) I can say, with this being my fourth exercise, that if the unspeakable should ever happen here at JWA, these first responders are well prepared, having honed their skills in disaster drills such as these.

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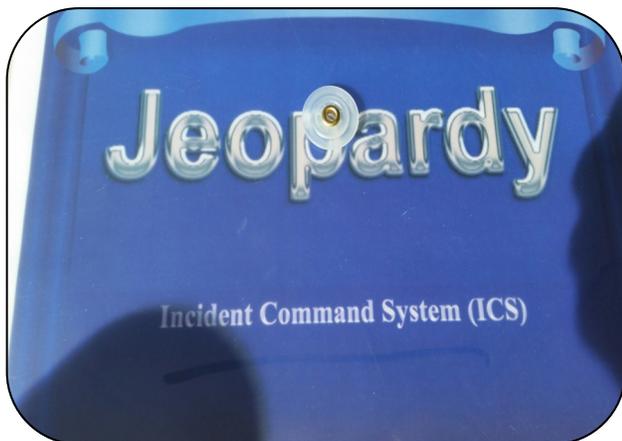
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## **Airport Drill**

*by Raji Shunmugavel*

On Friday morning, April 14, 2017, I volunteered as a victim at the JWA Triennial Drill in Santa Ana.

We arrived at the site at 6:30am. Several volunteers were registering the participants. After registering, participants were given a tag to wear around their neck which described the role they were to play. I requested a non-moulage tag due to allergies. So I went to the waiting area while others were still in the moulage area putting on make up. While we were waiting, non-moulage members were asked to play some CERT games that the Costa Mesa CERT team had in their logistics. Brenda Emrick, Community Education Officer, Costa Mesa Fire Department, asked us to refresh our memories by playing CERT word games, Bingo and Jeopardy. Jeopardy was played with at least four teams. We were asked the definition of certain acronyms such as "ICP" which is Incident Command Post. The interesting questions helped us to refresh our CERT knowledge.



Around 10 am, the Airport Operations Personnel gave speeches about the volunteers' roles at this drill. If at any time we needed help, we were to alert airport personnel staff that we were not acting and actually needed help.

My tag showed my role as "female, age 44, with no respiration, no pulse, Immediate, non-ambulatory, and mental condition: cannot follow commands."

The scenario was that a helicopter crashed into a plane, catching fire and injuring passengers.

Non-moulaged and ambulatory people were seated in the first class portion of the plane. I was escorted by a rescuer and kept in the "Immediate" area. After one hour, another person came and pulled the tag "Immediate" and replaced it with "Morgue." As I was considered deceased, after being taken to the coroner's office, I would be released to my family members after notification. At 12:30 pm, our acting stopped and we were served lunch and received a t-shirt. We are cleared to go after signing out at the

registration table.

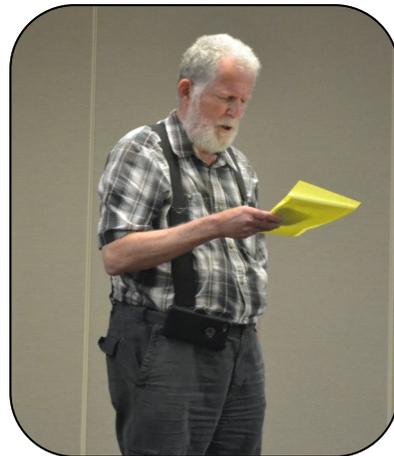
These kinds of drills are very important to the community volunteers giving them more insight into disaster planning.

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## **Radio Communications**

*By Raji Shunmugavel*

Our guest at our April 13, 2017 General Meeting was Robert Maller, WT6A, who spoke about communication throughout history with emphasis on ham radio. He has been a ham operator for 55 years. As we have heard many times, in a disaster, ham radio may be the only means of communication. He also demonstrated Morse Code, this method allows a signal to get through when a voice signal can't be received successfully.



When I first came to the United States from India in 1976, Morse Code was used to transmit telegrams between foreign countries. In my home town of Virudhunagar, a postal employee would deliver the telegrams. In the US, my husband would use the telephone to send and receive telegrams from my family. It's interesting to know that speech-impaired people can use Morse Code to communicate. For over 40 years Continuous Wave (CW) Communications in Ham Radio has played an important role in disaster procedures. When my sons joined Boy Scouts, and I was a member of CERT, I learned about ham radio and decided to get my Technician Class License. I have since gone on to get my General and Extra Class licenses.

I've volunteered at the RACES booth at the Orange County Fair. They display all their radio equipment and the general public can practice keying Morse Code, sending out an SOS or spelling out their name. Ham radio has been a very useful and enjoyable hobby for me.

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## 10 Helpful Tips

By Anna Pinter

As you check your “Grab and Go Bags” and evacuation bag, the following 10 tips are good basic reminders to help keep yourself, family, neighborhood and community safe.

### 1. Know what disasters you may face

Information websites: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)  
[www.earthquaketrack.com](http://www.earthquaketrack.com) [www.scedu.caltech.edu](http://www.scedu.caltech.edu)

If you think you live in a disaster-free zone, you're probably wrong. Montana, for example, probably will not experience a hurricane. California may have a larger probability of an earthquake. If you cannot think of ways to be prepared, go to the internet and check out a few of the helpful web sites: [www.usa.gov/prepare-for-disasters](http://www.usa.gov/prepare-for-disasters) [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### 2. Learn your area's evacuation routes and shelter locations

The time to figure out how to evacuate and find a shelter is not when a hurricane or tsunami is two hours away from your hometown. Advanced planning is necessary to avoid panic and chaos.

A few helpful suggestions are: know the escape routes from your home and help the kids draw a map and post it near their door. Plan where your family will regroup. Each family member should be aware of where the family will meet if they are separated during an event. You need to plan two evacuation regrouping areas. One location is to regroup outside your home. The second regrouping place is outside your neighborhood, where you can go in case of an evacuation. Evacuations are actually common, so it would be smart to know all the details where you and your family will meet after a disaster.

### 3. Know how you'll reconnect with people who matter

How will you make contact with your family or your roommates? How will you let others know you are ok? When you find yourself in a difficult situation, it is not the time to wonder what to do. Having this figured out ahead of time can make everything so much easier. Using an out-of-area emergency contact to have family members check in is an excellent solution recommended by the American Red Cross. A phone number out of the area of danger may be easier to contact. Everyone should also have a list of out-of-state emergency contacts and local emergency numbers.

### 4. Sign up for emergency alerts and know how officials will communicate with you during a disaster

In the Orange County, California area, sign up to receive alerts on your home phone and cell phone. You will sign up with [www.alertoc.org](http://www.alertoc.org). The emergency alert

system also broadcasts over the radio and television. Weather radio can tell you if severe weather is expected 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are many ways to receive alerts, but a person needs to investigate and take advantage of signing up for alerts in advance of an emergency.

### 5. Learn what to do if you're away from home

Obviously, when disaster strikes, you may not be at home. Be prepared to react in different locations such as your workplace or car. Know your evacuation routes, communication plan and how you'll receive emergency notification. Have a plan so you can reconnect with kids who may be at school, daycare or after-school activities. Ask questions of your children's schools inquiring as to how they will communicate with families in an emergency. Ask if the school officials have a shelter-in-place plan and where the children will go if they are forced to evacuate. Does your child's school have emergency supplies? Plan to have the basics: water, food and other items in “Grab and Go Bags” so the teachers and their students can survive. An emergency bag needs to be in your place of work, in your car or anyplace where you spend a great deal of time away from home.

### 6. Have a kit and know how to use it

We're talking about some basic necessities in a “Grab and Go Bag.” This includes food, water, basic first aid supplies and other emergency equipment you might already have things like flashlights and duct tape. The key is to have a kit assembled and ready to use, not scattered all over your house, car or workplace. Make sure everything is in working order and that no one sneaks snacks, first aid supplies or any other items from your finished kit. Some kits are available for purchase pre-packed, or you can assemble one tailored to your needs. If you do not know how to use your kit, determine your needs and assemble a useful kit.

### 7. Keep people with special needs in mind

Infants, kids, people with disabilities and seniors all have special needs to consider as you plan for an emergency. When making a plan for the families, think of all the special needs and personal items needed by each member. Talk to your neighbors about how you can help one another in a disaster.

### 8. Prepare for your pets

The goal of emergency preparedness is to keep the whole family safe--and that includes our pets. Never leave your pet behind when you evacuate. Keep a pet emergency kit with water, food and other important items. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) recommends micro-chipping pets. Keep track of animal records required to board pets at an emergency shelter.

## 10 Helpful Tips (continued)

### 9. Learn emergency skills

Make sure you know skills that can make a huge difference such as: how to use a fire extinguisher and how to perform basic first aid. Training in CPR or the even simpler "Hands-only CPR," could help save a life. You can also learn how to shut off utilities, damaged gas, water or electrical lines in your home in case of a disaster. If you do not know basic emergency skills, take advantage of classes offered at your local CERT. In Huntington Beach call 714-536-5979 to find out when the next class is being offered.

### 10. Find out how to help your community

Do you want to help out even more? Learn how to be a community leader during a disaster. You can learn to teach others how to be prepared. Volunteer positions are available.

For more information visit: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) [www.readyoc.org](http://www.readyoc.org)

[www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams](http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams)

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### Attention all Skywarn Spotters

This notice went out to Orange County weather spotters:

When you log onto [weather.gov/SanDiego](http://weather.gov/SanDiego), you will find a new webpage. The content is there but the look and feel is quite different. There are also links to national products and icons for quick links.

The "submit reports" link is under the "Current Hazards" tab.

Remember when submitting reports to be sure to go through each step completely and "acknowledge" the preview of the report by clicking the small check box. Otherwise the report will not be transmitted to us.

### Who are Skywarn Spotters?

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time—seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

### Who is Eligible?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service and access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

### For More Information

Go to: <http://skywarn.org/about>

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### Drill Your Skills Class April 1, 2017

By Raji Shunmugavel

The Drill Your Skills Day took place at the Fire Department Training Center on Gothard Avenue. The class of 50 people had been divided up into four color-coded teams at the last evening CERT class. Each group was led by their color team leader, who was also a ham radio operator. The color team leaders took their groups from station to station where they practiced and proved their CERT skills—First Aid, "Wound Care and Splinting," Triage, "Lifts, Drags and Carry," Cribbing, Light Search and Rescue and using a Fire Extinguisher. The color team was also responsible for keeping the classes moving on time by notifying the instructors of the time left in 15, 10, 5, and 2 minute warnings.

Congratulations to the 50 people who completed the Basic CERT classes and were presented their certificates by Huntington Beach Mayor, Barbara Delgleize, and Carol Burtis, CERT Coordinator. Thanks to all the instructors and volunteers who contributed to the success of this class.

**Susan McClaran's First Aid Corner: May is American Stroke Awareness Month....Here is some information from the National Stroke Association:**

**Signs and Symptoms of Stroke**

Knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke is the first step to ensuring medical help is received immediately. For each minute a stroke goes untreated and blood flow to the brain continues to be blocked, a person loses about 1.9 million neurons. This could mean that a person's speech, movement, memory, and so much more can be affected.

Learn as many stroke symptoms as possible so you can recognize stroke FAST and save a life!

Stroke symptoms include:



SUDDEN numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body



SUDDEN confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding



SUDDEN trouble seeing in one or both eyes



SUDDEN trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination



SUDDEN severe headache with no known cause



Call 9-1-1 immediately if you observe any of these symptoms.

Note the time of the first symptom.

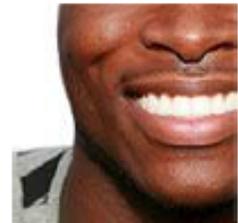
This information is important and can affect treatment decisions.

### Act FAST

FAST is an easy way to remember and identify the most common symptoms of a stroke. Recognition of stroke and calling 9-1-1 will determine how quickly someone will receive help and treatment. Getting to a hospital rapidly will more likely lead to a better recovery. Use FAST to Remember the Warning Signs of a Stroke

**F**

FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?



**A**

ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



**S**

SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?



**T**

TIME: If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.





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Although stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in America and a leading cause of adult disability, many myths surround this disease. Test how much you know about stroke today



## MYTH

MYTH: Stroke cannot be prevented.

MYTH: There is no treatment for stroke.

MYTH: Stroke only affects the elderly.

MYTH: Stroke happens in the heart.

MYTH: Stroke recovery only happens for the first few months after a stroke.

MYTH: Strokes are rare.

MYTH: Strokes are not hereditary.

MYTH: If stroke symptoms go away, you don't have to see a doctor.



## FACT

FACT: Up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

FACT: At any sign of stroke call 9-1-1 immediately. Treatment may be available.

FACT: Stroke can happen to anyone at any time.

FACT: Stroke is a "brain attack".

FACT: Stroke recovery is a lifelong process.

FACT: There are nearly 7 million stroke survivors in the U.S. Stroke is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S.

FACT: Family history of stroke increases your chance for stroke.

FACT: Temporary stroke symptoms are called transient ischemic attacks (TIA). They are warning signs prior to actual stroke and need to be taken seriously.

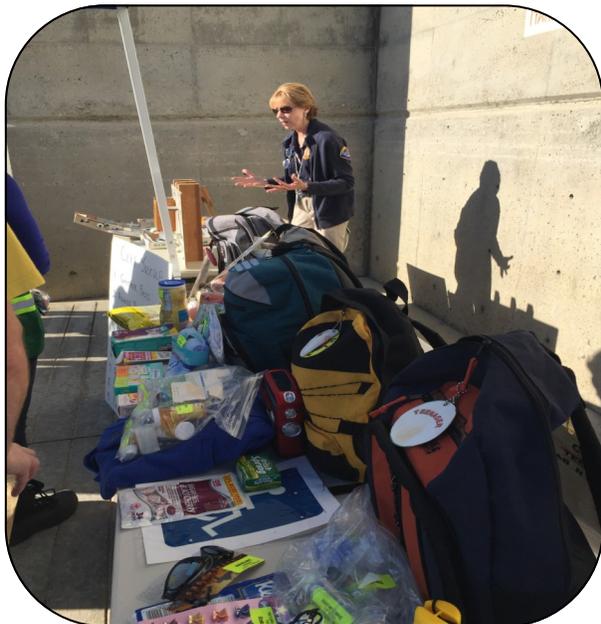
**DRILL YOUR SKILLS DAY FOR SPRING 2017 BASIC TRAINING CLASS, APRIL 1, 2017**



**CAROL BURTIS AND MAYOR BARBARA DELGLEIZE AWARDING COMPLETION CERTIFICATES TO SPRING 2017 BASIC TRAINING CLASS, APRIL 1, 2017**



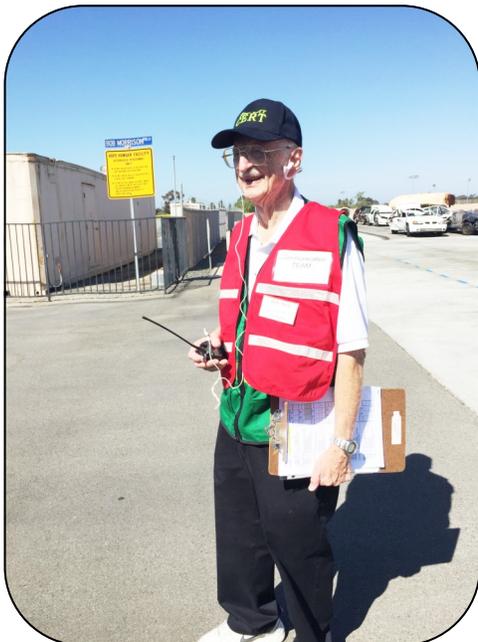
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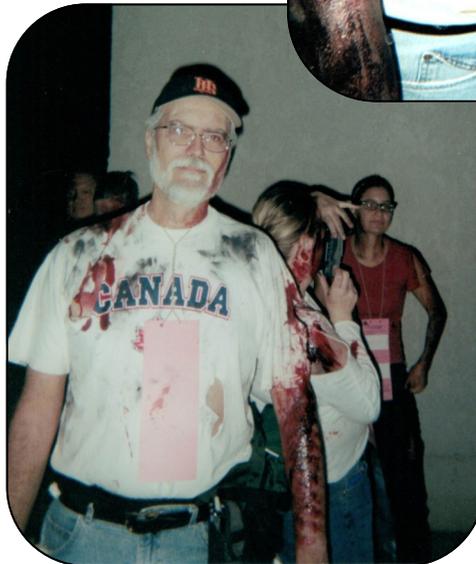
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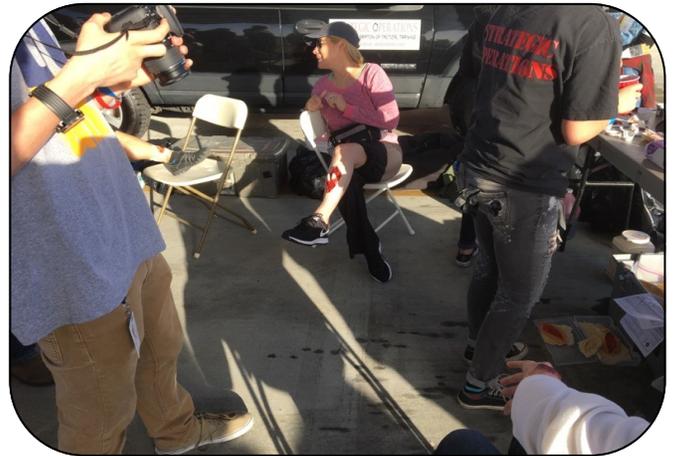
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AIRPORT DRILL, APRIL 14, 2017



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RE-LEI FOR LIFE HUNTINGTON BEACH PRESENTS...

# PAINT OUT CANCER PARTY!

(A FUNDRAISER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY)

**Date:** June 3, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Delilicious, 16582 Gothard St,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Cost:** \$40 Cash Donation (includes  
dinner, drinks, and painting)

**\*RSVP:** By May 1 to Stephanie Deagle  
at [StephH@superiorsigns.com](mailto:StephH@superiorsigns.com)



**RELAY  
FOR LIFE**



Relay for Life is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end all cancer. The fundraising earned helps



**Huntington Beach  
Community Emergency Response Team  
2017 schedule**

HBCERT Events 2017	Date	Details
January CERT monthly General Meeting	Thursday January 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
Advance 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Class	Saturday January 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am-2:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
February CERT monthly General Meeting	Thursday February 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
CERT March Monthly General Meeting	Thursday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
Field Trip to County EOC	Saturday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am to 12:00pm, meet at City Hall to Carpool
CERT Spring Basic Training	March 21, 23, 28, 30 & April 1	Location TBD/6:00-9:00pm Tues & Thurs; 8:00am to 2:00pm Saturday, April 1
CERT April Monthly General Meeting	Thursday April 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
Field Trip to OC Water District	Saturday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am to 12:00pm, meet at City Hall to Carpool
CERT May Monthly General Meeting	Thursday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
Disaster Living Class	Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Location TBD
Advance 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Class	Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am-2:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
CERT June Monthly General Meeting	Thursday June 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	HB CERT Event Support
CERT July Monthly General Meeting	Thursday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
US Open	July 29-August 6, 2017	HB CERT Event Support



## Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team 2017 schedule

HBCERT Events 2017	Date	Details
Senior Saturday	Saturday, Sept. 9th	HB CERT Event Support
CERT September Monthly General Meeting	Thursday September 14th	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
CERT Fall Basic Training	August, October or November 2017	Training for membership Time & Location TBD
HB Air Show	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	HB CERT Event Support
CERT October Monthly General Meeting	Thursday, October 12th	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
Fire Department Open House	Saturday, Oct. 14	Additional details 10a-2p CNET fire station HB CERT Event Support
Huntington Beach Hospital Flu Shot & Health Fair	TBD*	Time TBD
CERT November Monthly General Meeting	Thursday, November 9th	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center
CERT December Monthly General Meeting	Thursday, December 14th	6:30pm-8:00pm Room B7 in the Civic Center

\* Event dates will be announced as they become available

\*\* Events may be added or removed to the calendar

**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**

- Field trip to OC Water District, Saturday, April 29
- CERT General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM May 11, 2017 in B8
- Disaster Living Class, May 20, 2017, 8:00am to past noon (lunch), at City Hall Area
- CERT General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM June 8, 2017 in B8

**CPR Classes**

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

- Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 24, 6 :00pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, June 10, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 21, 6 :00pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, July 8, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 19, 6 :00pm – 9:00 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!**

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