



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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HB CERT HIGHLIGHTS

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CLASS 1

. CERT General Meeting, located at City Hall, 6:30pm Thursday, November 10, 2016

By Carol Burtis

For our November meeting, one of our wonderful Battalion Chiefs will stop by to explain to us what all the different engineers, paramedics, EMTs, Captains and Battalion Chiefs do for the Fire Department.

Also, we are inviting all CERT Spring & Fall 2015 & 2016 Class Graduates to come to the meeting to celebrate your graduation! There will be cake and coffee!!

We will have a recap of the year's events and highlights including the Air Show we just supported!

We will also be able to make CERT badges for anyone that still needs one. Badges are for everyone that has done their Live Scan and completed the CERT Responder Course, IS-317, IS-100 and IS 700, Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals Course and Red Cross or American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED.

Please join us in room B8 next to the City Council Chambers at 6:30 pm for this special evening!

Breitling Huntington Beach Airshow

By Phil & Carol Burtis

We want to thank all the many volunteers from CERT, RACES, RSVPs, and others who donated their time to support this exciting new City event. It was a very complicated operation and everyone performed magnificently. Each day, most of the volunteers arrived at the Sports Complex just before 8 am and took a shuttle bus to one of the drop-off locations near the four first aid tents. Shortly thereafter, the first aid supplies were delivered and each tent team prepped their area for business. Towards the end of the day, around 4:30 pm, the supplies were packed up, collected, and the volunteers returned on the shuttle. That's a full nine-hour day!

During the day, each tent area had first aid personnel and radio operators. The good news is that there were very few situations

that required first aid – some Band-Aids, some water, a little of this-n-that but nothing serious! The radio operators were kept busy with regular check-ins to the communication network and keeping their eyes open for any situation that appeared unusual. Again, the good news is there were no serious events and the small events that were reported were all handled quickly and efficiently. In order to keep track of who was where and doing what, the Response Unit trailer was stationed at the Command Center and was staffed by Phil & Carol. There were some logistical issues that crept up, but most were handled quickly.

On that score, we wish to specifically thank Kokomo's Surfside Grill run by Mike & Christie Bartusick. We had a food situation where we needed some extra lunches in a big hurry and, as it turns out, the trailer was basically above Kokomo's. They took care of us quickly and we were able to get some hungry volunteers fed. Our thanks to Christie for her help and generosity!

Free Flu Shots

By Carol Burtis

Huntington Beach Hospital is requesting the assistance of Huntington Beach CERT for their upcoming community flu clinic being held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. The following letter comes from Candice Bartsch, Public Relations for Huntington Beach Hospital:

"This year Huntington Beach Hospital will be holding a Health Fair that will include the flu shots in a walk-up booth. We will be offering additional health care screenings for members of the community. Once again, CERT will be an integral part of this community event. The event will open at 10 am and we expect people to arrive sooner. CERT will help with the signage, caution tape, barricades, directional assistance as they have in the past. As always we greatly appreciate your support."

If you'd like to participate, please mail me at: carol.burtis@surfcity-hb.org and I will email you the final details as soon as I receive them.

CERT Volunteer Musings About The Airshow

By Roy Alzua and Cynthia Goebel

Huntington Beach hosted the HB Breitling Airshow the weekend of October 21-23. The clear, warm weather couldn't have been better for viewing the show on Friday and Saturday. Sunday we had a little rain. It was a weekend of spectacular flying with precision flight maneuvers performed by the USAF Thunderbirds, the Breitling Jet Team, international aerobatic flyers and world racing champions.

Featured were skydiving paragliders, close-up flybys by a vintage WWII C-47 transport, and FedEx cargo jet, powerful flights by the high-performance F-18 Hornet and a jet powered biplane.

CERT training for the air show was extensive. In addition to current Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED certification, we were required to attend a four-hour training session on terrorism. This was to raise our awareness of our surroundings and signs of suspicious behavior, backpacks/packages left unattended, persons asking questions, note taking, video or anything out of the normal.

Friday was practice day for air show participants and also RACES and CERT volunteers who assisted with emergency first aid and security services along with many other community volunteers.

The City has a three-year contract with the Breitling Airshow so, if you missed the opportunity to volunteer this year, you'll have the opportunity to have a front-row seat next year.

By Richard Batistelli

After three long days, 8-5 pm, patrolling between the Junior Lifeguard Building and the Marine Safety Building, looking for all forms of unattended packages and persons with evil intent, and as was stated by some volunteers, "overworked and under fed", this old volunteer's legs are slowly regaining some feeling.

There was a great volunteer effort shown by both HB CERT and RACES, and the ham volunteers from Costa Mesa. Also, great praise should also be given to our ever present and thoughtful CERT leader, Carol, who was always there for us, including providing us with food, which seemed to always be in some other location. And no one can thank enough her right hand assistant, Phil, and a very able staff, who, before, during and after this important city event, moved important supplies, medical and logistical, up and down this venue, between the widely spaced medical tents. Chad and Phil transported the five volunteers, who failed to receive the shuttle bus ride, back to the Sports Complex.

RACES leadership was on full display, as well. The importance of the radio net team, Shelly, Roy and Bob, cannot be overstated. They were the glue that kept the communication links open between the some thirty field radio volunteers, working each day as a finely tooled machine.

Finally, when all is said and done, with vast amount of time and effort necessary for the success of this Airshow, attending meetings, drawing up action plans and in just getting things ready, Carol, from CERT, Dr. Steve, from RACES, and our EOC leader, Brevyn, made it all come together. This volunteer, be it rain or shine, will be back next year wanting to be part of this exciting team effort.

By Raji Shunmugavel

Along the approximately two mile stretch of the Huntington Beach bicycle/walking path, there were four first aid/communication tents set up for the Airshow. CERT volunteers were there to provide first aid in the Med Tents. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) were there for general information and lost and found. RACES and CERT communicators were on hand to report suspicious activity and provide communications with the Fire Department, Paramedics and Police Department.

Big events like air shows will have so many hypothetical scenarios, and must be well planned to cover the possible incidents including rescue operations. Recruitment for volunteers to assist with public welfare and safety began about six months prior to the Airshow. In order to work this event as a first aid participant, volunteers had to be up to date on their first aid, CPR, and AED certifications. In order to be a RACES communicator, volunteers needed to be a Ham Radio operator with a current license, and attend the October 1, 2016 monthly RACES meeting, where they were given schedules and job assignments. On October 8, 2016, the volunteers attended a terrorism awareness training class.

For all three days, I wore an Orange RACES vest, and worked out of Med Tent 4 in Division 4-7 as a RACES communicator.

These are the comments from some of the volunteers who worked with me in the tent:

Don MacAllister, former HB Mayor - Volunteers save the city money by eliminating the hiring of lots more people.

Kevin Heisler, CERT Volunteer - It was a good opportunity to show our presence in the community and spread awareness of our program.

Peter Barbour, N6RAS, RACES Volunteer - We enjoy being a part of our city's response to keep citizens and visitors safe during unexpected and planned events that may increase demand for emergency services. We are giving back to the community and being part of a successful group of volunteers.

I was patrolling and guarding the north and south bike path area east of Tower 7 Lifeguard Station. I am glad I was well prepared with rain gear for the unexpected rainy day on Sunday that saved my radio gear and extra batteries from getting wet. My CERT training gave me the knowledge I needed to protect myself when rain occurs during big events. Even though this event was incident-free, these types of events need our volunteer services to ensure safety of the public.

Volunteer Musings About The Airshow (cont)

By Susan McClaran:

It was very family oriented, and happy to say, not many incidents to report. The water line was very impressive with all the boats as well, with those protecting us and those out for an offshore view of the show.

My personal favorite was the F-18 Hornet. It really got the crowd going as it came through. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the show. Even on Sunday during the rain, it did not stop them from watching. Awesome to see Huntington Beach coming through again to give the community another spectacular event to bring us all together.

American Red Cross Needs Volunteers

By Virginia Petrelis

Gordon Brown, Disaster Cycle Services Vice Chair and Mass Care Lead, from the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC), came to our October 13, 2016 general meeting to discuss how CERT and the ARC can partner in disaster response.

The ARC defines a disaster as an occurrence such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, building collapse, transportation wreck, or other situation that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without assistance. The mission of the ARC is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

The Orange County Chapter is responsible for the Red Cross response throughout Orange County and also is the Regional Chapter for the Desert to the Sea Region. This includes all Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. For example, the Orange County Chapter responded to the recent Blue Cut Fire by setting up evacuation centers and food for displaced residents. They also respond to local, personal emergencies such as a family who is displaced due to a single family house fire. Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers will go out to assess the incident, identify the family needs, provide for immediate needs and access additional resources. Each year the Orange County Chapter responds to over 125 incidents.

Many volunteer opportunities are available with the Red Cross. CERT volunteers are trained to assist neighbors and community in a catastrophic event when public safety resources are unable to immediately meet all needs. CERT CMAP Certified volunteers receive Shelter Fundamentals training to help cities activate shelters when necessary but could also assist the Red Cross in operating shelters.

In "Blue Skies" when there are few response needs for CERT, CERT volunteers could get practical experience and provide valuable community service as Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers. The first priority for CERT volunteers would always be to fulfill their CERT mission.

In the Huntington Beach CERT, Richard Batistelli and Bob Zamalin are active Red Cross members. Richard's skills include communications, community relations and outreach, preparedness, education and logistics. Bob's skills include communications, media relations and government liaison.

If you have time on your hands and are looking for additional ways to serve your community, contact the American Red Cross.

October 1, 2016 Drill your Skills Day and Graduation

By Raji Shunmugavel and Bob Zamalin

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, all our new graduates underwent Drill Your Skills Day, refreshing their class learning and hands-on experience. This included lifting with proper techniques, drag and carry, tying arm slings, treating wounds and blisters, applying bandages to head wounds and splinting leg fractures.

Ken Mailman, took the lead as the communication Net Control, with Raji, Bob, and Phil.

In addition to the class Richard Batistelli was conducting, he also discussed ham radio. He used the communicators' radios as a sample and talked about simplex and duplex frequencies to encourage the volunteers to take ham radio classes and earn their FCC license.

Using a cribbing technique, fire fighters lifted a 1000 pound slab of cement to demonstrate how a trapped person could be rescued. Also, students went in pairs to learn to use a fire extinguisher.

Pizzas, chips and a snack were served at lunch and to munch on during the breaks.

After lunch, when all the sessions were over, the graduation ceremony took place. Brevyn Mettler, our Emergency Services Coordinator, congratulated all our new CERT class graduates and they received their certificates from Mayor Jim Katapodis. In his speech, he expressed appreciation to the volunteers for giving their time on a Saturday and the many hours to complete their training.

**October 15
Fire Station Open House
In Huntington Beach.**

Sparky, The Mascot
Hugs The Kids And Welcomes All
Don't Play With Fire.

Kids Dressed In Costumes
Mini Future Firemen
They Are Excited.

Big, Bright, Shiny, Red
Fire Trucks All In Splendor
Awesome Sight To See.

CERT Volunteers Share
Must Be Prepared For Earthquakes
Learn To Make A Plan.

People All Line Up
Digital Fire Machine
Teach How To Stop Fires.

Use P.A.S.S.
Pull The Pin, Aim, Squeeze And Sweep
Fire Extinguished!

Young Search And Rescue
Rappell Down From High Above
A Concrete Structure.

Life Guards Here To Help
With Marine Safety Jet Ski
To Save Swimmers Lives.

Great Demonstration
Set A House On Fire With Smoke
Firemen Save It.

Here In Our City
H.B. Fire Department
Brave and Courageous.

Boeing Expo
By Barbara Scott

A Boeing Fire Prevention and Safety Expo was held at the Boeing Company in Huntington Beach, CA on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 11am until 2pm.

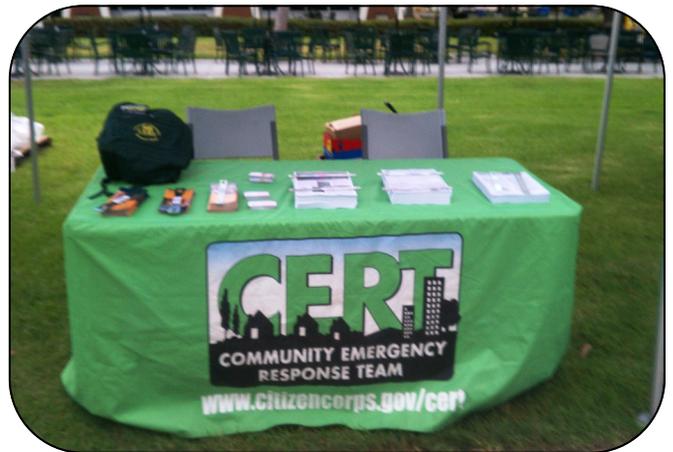
The Expo had booths by the Huntington Beach Search and Rescue, CERT, Boeing Environmental Management and Boeing Fire and Safety Departments. The Huntington Beach Police SWAT team displayed their weapons and allowed a tour of their HUMVEE type of vehicle as well as a demonstration by their Canine Unit Police Dog.

Boeing also brought out their canine that was taught to sniff for explosives.

A lot of Boeing employees stopped by on their lunch hour, and Phil Burtis and I encouraged them to be prepared for earthquakes. We handed out informational flyers, encouraged them to take CERT classes and join our Huntington Beach CERT team.

Many of them were not from Orange County, but were still interested in being prepared and so they thanked us for giving them the motivation to make a plan for themselves and their families.

It was a really nice day and free popcorn was handed out to all who wanted it.



Fire Department Open House *By Roy Alzua*

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, an Open House was held at Fire Station 1 at 18311 Gothard Street in Huntington Beach on October 15, 2016.

This was an opportunity for the public to meet our firefighters, tour the fire station, see the fire engines and meet "Sparky the Fire Dog." Firefighting demonstrations were also given.

CERT volunteers Barbara Scott, Grace Becerra and Nancy Boyer all handed out emergency preparedness literature. Using a fire extinguisher simulator, Roy Alzua and Chad Hicks demonstrated the "PASS" approach (P-pull pin, A-aim, S-squeeze handle, S-swing/sway nozzle towards fire.)

Free refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

Millions Worldwide Observe the Great ShakeOut

By Anna Pinter

The ShakeOut Drill was first practiced in 2008 and occurs in California on the third Thursday of October every year. Were you one of those millions who remembered this event? If you are not aware of the ShakeOut exercises, go to www.shakeout.org to learn more about how to participate in this annual drill.

The Drills are an opportunity for people in homes, schools, and organizations to practice what to do during earthquakes and to improve preparedness. One of the simple ways to participate in the drill is to register on the internet to practice Drop, Cover and Hold On with millions of people around the globe.

The following suggestions are from www.shakeout.org:

Drop, Cover, and Hold On:

If you are **inside a building**, move only as far as necessary to reach a safe place. **Drop** to the floor (before the earthquake drops you.)

Take **cover** under a sturdy desk or table, and hold onto it firmly.

Be prepared to move with the shaking. **Hold** the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.

Do not go to a doorway as a place of safety - injury can occur due to doors swinging. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit.

If you are **outdoors** when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights and power lines, then **Drop, Cover and Hold On**. Stay there until the shaking stops.

If you are **driving**, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened, until the shaking stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

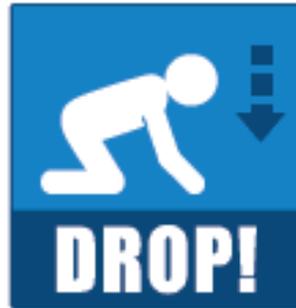
Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects. Look around you now, **before** an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture, or against an interior wall in your home, office or school. When the shaking starts, you will be prepared to respond quickly. An immediate response to move to the safe place can save lives. A safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

The following websites will help you prepare for an earthquake. Next year consider joining the millions of people around the world that participate in the Great ShakeOut. Find your local organizations, such as CERT, and take preparedness classes so you and your family will have peace of mind to survive and recover quickly from the next earthquake.

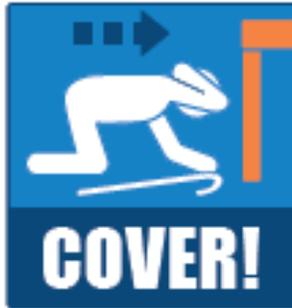
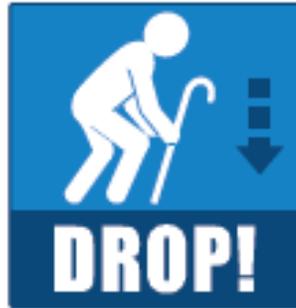
www.shakeout.org
http://www.earthquakecountry.org/images/EarthquakeProtection_AFN.pdf
www.EarthquakeCountry.org/disability
<http://www.earthquakecountry.org/risk>

Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!

**IF
POSSIBLE**



**USING
CANE**



**USING
WALKER**



**USING
WHEELCHAIR**



Earthquake
Country
Alliance
None of us is together

www.EarthquakeCountry.org/disability



CERT Holiday Party

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2016

TIME: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

PLACE: City Hall Room B8

Appetizer and Dessert Buffet

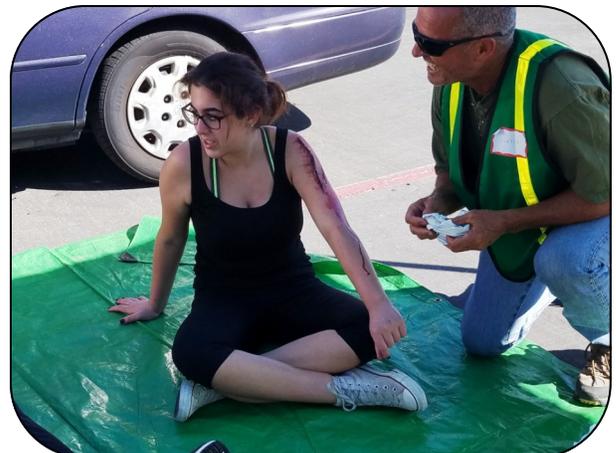
***This is the occasion to make your
favorite Appetizer or Dessert
Please bring your dish to serve eight***

***We will have a gift exchange. If you
wish to participate, please bring a gift
(\$15 maximum) Please, no white
elephants.***

***Please RSVP Carol Burtis
at Carol.burtis@surfcity.hb.org indicating how many
will be attending in your party***

No Alcohol allowed

CERT GRADUATION CLASS, DRILL YOUR SKILLS DAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016



CERT GRADUATION CLASS, DRILL YOUR SKILLS DAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016 (CONT)



RED CROSS PRESENTATION AT OCTOBER 13, 2016 CERT GENERAL MEETING



DIRECT SERVICES

- OPERATIONS – Mass Care
 - Help reunite families-Safe and Well Linking
 - Mobile and Fixed Feeding
 - Distribute supplies
 - Set up/close down shelters and reception & care centers
- OPERATIONS – Physical and Mental Health
 - Disaster Health Services
 - Disaster Mental Health Services
- OPERATIONS – Individual Client Services
 - Casework Interviews and Recovery Assistance
- LOGISTICS
 - Manage and deliver vehicles, equipment, and materials
 - Manage facilities
 - Recruit and manage disaster staff

EXTERNAL SERVICES

- Write news releases- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- Deliver messages on camera- PR
- Communicate with public- PR, LIASON
- Administrative work- ADMIN
- Post signs for media- MASS CARE, PR
- Ask people for donations- IN KIND
- Coordinate partnerships- EVERYONE
- Write communications for the public- PR
- Work with government agencies- LIASON

Red Cross First Responders

- Disaster Action Team (D.A.T.)
 - Damage Assessment/ Assess Incident
 - Single Family Fire
 - Major Incident
 - Identify Family Needs
 - Provide for Immediate Needs
 - Access Additional Resources
- Each year Orange County Red Cross responds to over 125 incidents annually
- All responses are performed by trained volunteers



Red Cross and CERT Partnerships

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- In 'Blue Skies,' when there are few response needs for CERT, CERT volunteers could get practical experience and provide valuable community service as Red Cross DAT volunteers.
- CERT volunteers would always see their first priority would be to fulfill their CERT mission.

American Red Cross

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for inquiring about our volunteer program and I hope you will consider becoming an American Red Cross volunteer. If you are interested in pursuing a volunteer opportunity, please follow the instructions listed below. Please feel free to contact me directly at 714-481-5333 or via email at Madelyn.Spiegelberg@redcross.org.

Sincerely,
Madelyn Spiegelberg

Becoming a volunteer:

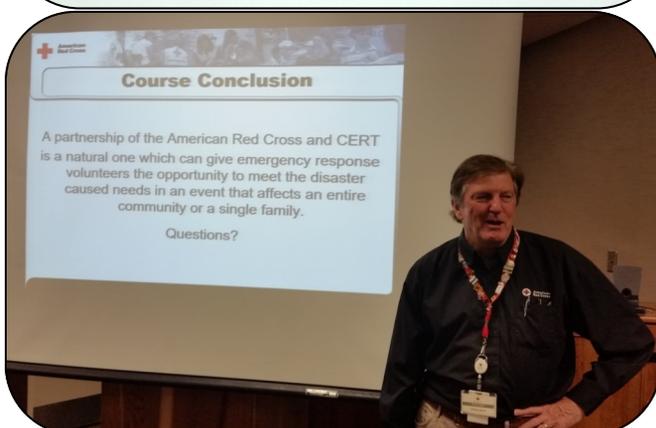
1. The first step is to visit our website at: <http://www.redcross.org/ca/orange-county>.
2. On the left side of the page click on "Volunteer" which will take you to the page shown on screen shot below.
3. See section 1 "Create your volunteer profile" and click on "application to become and adult volunteer" and follow the instructions.

American Red Cross

Course Conclusion

A partnership of the American Red Cross and CERT is a natural one which can give emergency response volunteers the opportunity to meet the disaster caused needs in an event that affects an entire community or a single family.

Questions?



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 15, 2016



**BREITLING HUNTINGTON BEACH AIR SHOW, OCTOBER 21, 22,
& 23, 2016**



AIR SHOW, HERE COME THE PLANES!



AIR SHOW, THRILLING ACROBATICS!



CERT VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE AIR SHOW



CERT VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE AIR SHOW (cont)



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

- CERT General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM
November 10, 2016 in B8
- CERT Holiday Party, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, City Hall
B8, Thursday December 8, 2016

CPR Classes

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

- Saturday, November 12, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Saturday, December 10, 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 Website: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert CERT Contact: CERT@surfcity-hb.org
CERT Message line 714-536-5974 (THIS IS A MESSAGE LINE ONLY!)