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CLASS 1



President's Message

By Judy Ann Morris
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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

It is summer time and my favorite season of the year! I love working in my yard and just the little easing up on my schedule. I think I never got over the "summer vacation" mindset. I pray that everyone has a wonderful summer and if you have travel plans that you have a safe and wonderful experience.

My disaster preparation reminder for the month is water storage. Let's use July to check the dates on your stored water and refill it if necessary, or start stocking up. You can always use your outdated water to water your plants. Remember, you need to supply yourself with one gallon per day per person for any disruption in our water service.

You can buy water by the gallon in plastic containers at any store or professional grade containers at disaster supply stores. Remember, plastic water bottles purchased at the store can get pinholes and leak. One should never store them with other supplies. You should never store water on the garage floor or directly on the ground outside without putting it up on a wood platform using 2x4's, a plant stand, or some barrier to keep chemicals from being absorbed into it.

There are two local companies that stock water barrels, individual water pouches, boxed water, water-purifying kits, filters, filter straws and water pumps. Call first for pick-up or delivery options. Their phone numbers and websites are listed below:

Sunset Survival & First Aid in Huntington Beach
714-369-8096
www.sunsetssurvival.com

Earthquake Management in Westminster
714-893-5410
www.maydayindustries.com

The end of July is the time to start looking at our local sporting good stores to get great deals on camping equipment. This is my goal this year

since my camping equipment (tents, sleeping bags, etc.) is very old and needs replacement.

I hope to see you all at our advance training classes July 17 and August 21 this summer.

Judy Ann

Disaster Preparedness Speakers Available

It is time to schedule a Disaster Preparedness Talk 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 email Judy Ann Morris at jamorris189@yahoo.com (please put CERT in the subject line) with your contact information, the date, and time you have determined. 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. 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.

2010 Elected CERT Officers:

President - Judy Ann Morris
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Secretary – Juanita Walker
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DSW Manager – Kim Louie

CERT Badges

The badge machine is up and running, Peter Petrelis is making CERT badges again. If you have an expired CERT badge, or you are a 2009 CERT graduate who has completed paperwork and background check, but did not receive a badge, please contact Peter Petrelis by e-mail for an appointment time.

American Red Cross Disaster Safe and Well Program

Have you ever wondered how to reconnect with family and loved ones after a disaster when conventional lines of communication have been disrupted? The American Red Cross has developed a nationwide program staffed by welfare information volunteers.

When Affected, Get Connected

1. Visit www.safeandwell.org.
2. Register yourself as "safe and well." Search for messages posted by those who register or call 866-GET-INFO (866-438-4636.)

Be Red Cross Ready www.redcross.org

Even though communications may be disrupted, emergency services communication will be a priority to be restored. The *Safe and Well* website may be one of the first lines of communication to help concerned loved ones post messages.

Encourage loved ones to develop communication plans before they are affected by a disaster. Assist families and individuals by sharing information on registering themselves on the *Safe and Well* website.

Do You Have an Out-of-State Contact Card?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) encourages all residents of Huntington Beach to include in their communication plan an out-of-state contact card. In most circumstances, out-of-state phone lines will be the first to work. Carry a contact card in your purse or billfold. Set up a network of your family and loved ones and give an out-of-state contact card to each member. After a disaster, each member of the network calls the appointed out of state contact. This contact is usually a person who knows most members of the network. As each person calls in, the out-of-state contact can relay a message as to the safety and whereabouts of each individual. Some people choose to have a second contact in a different state.

211 Orange County

WHAT IS THE 211 CALLING SYSTEM? 211 is a free accessible telephone number that will enable everyone to access vital community health and human services

211 is to social services, what 911 is to emergency services.

211 Orange County, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, provides a comprehensive information and referral system that links Orange County residents to community health and human services and support. Designated by the California Public Utilities Commission as the local provider of this nationally recognized service, 211 Orange County makes the system available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the 3,000,000 residents of this community. Callers seeking assistance dial toll free 211 and are connected with certified, multi-lingual Information and Referral (I&R) Specialists who utilize a comprehensive database to provide information on services such as:

- Food
- Shelter/Housing Resources
- Urgent care, medical, dental and vision services
- Prenatal care
- Child development assessment services
- Early detection and treatment programs
- Prevention and safety services
- Substance abuse assessment and treatment programs
- Support group connection
- Equipment resources for older adults
- Access to health insurance programs, especially for the uninsured or under-insured
- Workforce development
- Government assistance programs
- Disaster Response, including volunteer screening and charitable contributions options, during natural and manmade emergencies.
 - Parks, recreation and other municipal departments



WHEN TO CALL 911

A 911 emergency is a situation in which someone needs immediate help because he or she is injured or in immediate danger. So if you've had a car accident and someone is hurt, obviously you'll call 911. However, if your car has broken down, you need a tow truck, so you'll need to call a towing service (or, better still, your parents!).

Call 911 if there's a fire, if someone has had an accident, or if you see a crime being committed. Don't hesitate to call 911 if a friend has taken drugs or done something else that's life threatening. You may be afraid you'll get your friend in trouble, but calling could mean the difference between life and death.

When you call 911, the emergency dispatch operator will probably ask what, where, and who questions such as:

- * "What phone number are you calling from?"
- * "What is the emergency?" or "What happened?"
- * "Where are you?" or "Where do you live?"
- * "Who needs help?" or "Who is with you?"

What to Say

Although you may feel a sense of panic when faced with an emergency, try your best to stay in control. The operator needs the answers to specific questions to decide which type of emergency responders should be sent and where to send them. Give the operator all the relevant information you can about what the emergency is and how it happened. If someone is unconscious or has stopped breathing, the 911 operator may give you instructions for immediate help that you can provide, such as administering CPR or relieving choking if you've been trained.

You know that you need to stay calm and speak slowly and clearly so that the 911 operator can understand you. Did you know you should stay on the phone and not hang up until the operator tells you it is OK? That way, you can be sure that the operator has all the information that's needed to get help to you fast. It's easy to assume that operators can trace where a call is coming from, but that's not always the case. If you are calling from a cell phone, be aware that cell phones only give an estimated area of where the call is coming from.

If you dial 911 by mistake - you hit the wrong button on your phone, for example - don't just hang up. Tell the operator what happened so that he or she knows that there is no real emergency.

Otherwise, in areas where operators can trace the call, you could find a fire truck or police car in your driveway.

Most of our community members have the ability to attend Save-a-Life Saturday classes presented by the Huntington Beach Fire Department and CERT. For persons who have special needs and/or behavioral challenges, dialing 911 is the easiest way to get immediate assistance. If in doubt and no one is around to ask, letting the operator decide if it's a real emergency is a better choice than taking the chance that someone needing help doesn't get it quickly.

Text Alert for Street Sweeping for Huntington Beach Residents

The notification feature, introduced at Monday night's City Council meeting, alerts residents via text message and e-mail about street sweepers, City Council and Planning Commission agendas, and newsletters. Dozens of other alerts are slated to be added to the system at a future date.

Residents can sign up for the alert by going to www.HuntingtonBeachca.gov.

Then at the top of the page, click on "I want to" and drop down to "be notified."

Information services director Jack Marshall said he was not aware of any other Orange County city that text messages people about street sweeping. Other local cities do have text messaging for traffic or emergency alerts. However, Huntington Beach's features were modeled after the Boston city website.

SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING



PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE 2010 DRILL YOUR SKILLS CLASS



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A CERTIFIED Thank You to May Disaster Living Class Instructors

The Disaster Living Class teaches survival skills for the neighborhood teams in the aftermath of a disaster. Thank you to our lead instructors:

- Tara Twitty - Class Coordinator
- Rev Mother Barbara Benjamin & the Cooking Team—For preparing & cooking a Wonderful Lunch
- Richard Batistelli and Paul LaGreek— Tenting
- Al Collins— Emergency Water
- Judy Durante— SCART Pet Care
- Lisa O'Brien— Shelter Management
- Carol Burtis & Judy Ann Morris— Neighborhood Team
- Jim Hansen— Radio Communication
- Logistic, Registration, and Color teams

A CERTIFIED Thank You to June Drill Your Skills Class Instructors

The Drill Your Skills Class provides students a hands-on opportunity to practice their new skills.

Thank you to our lead instructors:

- Brevyn Mettler - Class Coordinator
- Al Collins, Mike Reyes, Cecil Wright, Judy Ann Morris, Judy Secor, Joe Tom, Richard Batistelli, Valerie Jordan, Roy Alzua, Mike Depin, Anthony Reyes, Jennifer Thomas
- Logistic, Registration, Cooking, and Color teams

PHOTOS FROM THE MAY 2010 DISASTER LIVING CLASS





Amateur Radio Class

Instructor John Fort, CERT Communications Team Leader

2010 Class Schedule

Date & Time:	Wednesday, Sept 15	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Wednesday, Sept 22	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Wednesday, Sept 29	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Wednesday, Oct 6	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Wednesday, Oct 13	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Wednesday, Oct 20	6:30 – 8:30PM
	Thursday, Oct 21	6:00 – 8:30PM *FCC Test

Location: Huntington Beach EOC
 2000 Main Street - enter the Police Dept.
 And take the elevator to the lower level



Who is invited: ALL CERT Volunteers



To be eligible for this training
 (worth \$200), you must become
 a CERT or RACES Communicator.

To register contact John Fort at JEFort1@earthlink.net

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____

E-mail _____

I have enclosed \$35.00 for book and class materials.

Please make checks payable to C.E.R.T.



Return registration with a check to: City of Huntington Beach - EOC, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

by Aug 9, 2010. Class is limited to 30 persons. For more information, call 714-536-5974.

For questions, e-mail John Fort at JEFort1@earthlink.net

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?

Potential impact of a 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault

What Will I Learn?

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.



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
- How to use all these skills to create a Neighborhood CERT Team



CLASS 1

Emergency Management
&

Homeland Security Office

2000 Main Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

714-374-1565

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.



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 Events

- July 8, 2010 - 6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members
- July 17, 2010 - 8:00am-6:00pm: American Red Cross (ARC) Shelter training Class
- August 5, 2010 - 6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members
- August 21, 2010 - 8:00am-3:00pm: Responder class in the EOC for HB CERT Graduates, contact Brevyn at: bmettler@surfcity-hb.org
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- Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee. Dates are listed below:
 - Wednesday, July 7 - 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 17 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, August 11 - 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Wednesday, September 8 - 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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For those who do not receive the newsletter by email, you can go to the CERT website: www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT. In order to receive the email alert, click on newsletters, and then click on sign up for email alert. It's as simple as that!

For those of you who do not have computer access at home, we have made arrangements for you:

- Rodgers Senior Center at 1706 Orange Avenue, HB will print out a black and white copy for you.
- There will be a few copies outside the door to the EOC to which you are welcome.
- The Central Library has computer access for the public.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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