



CERT Newsletter

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.

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New EOC Battalion Chief

By: Gloria Morrison, Emergency Services Coord.

Good news! The Huntington Beach Fire Department has reinstated the position of Battalion Chief in the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office (EM&HS). The position was eliminated in 2003 due to a city budget shortfall.

The City began receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. These funds are utilized to prepare the city for terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. The City hired Chuck Reynolds, HBFD retiree on a temporary part-time basis to manage the DHS funds and grants. Mr. Reynolds managed the funds for five years and has now retired.

In the 2007/08 budget, the position of Battalion Chief was reinstated using a combination of city funding and the DHS funds/grants to pay for the position.

The new Battalion Chief, Mark Daggett, has recently been promoted from the rank of Fire Captain to the rank of Battalion Chief and has been assigned to the EM&HS Office where he will oversee EOC and terrorism preparedness efforts. BC Daggett has been with the HBFD for 14 years and in the fire service for 18. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology from UCLA and an Associates of Science degree in Public Fire Protection from Santa Ana College. BC Daggett has held the positions of firefighter, firefighter/paramedic, hazmat specialist, and fire captain in the HBFD. He is very excited about his new assignment.



We are pleased the city has made a renewed commitment to the EM&HS program. Please join me in welcoming Battalion Chief Mark Daggett to the EOC.

New Year's Resolutions

By Gloria Morrison, Emergency Services Coord.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. It's hard to believe that it's 2008. Each year we like to start the year with our New Year's Resolutions, so let me help you by providing some ideas for your list.

Consider adding these to your personal resolutions:

1. I will get my home and family prepared for emergencies
2. I will develop a family disaster plan and train my family on the plan
3. I will secure my water heater and tall heavy furniture
4. I will learn how to shut off my utilities and then teach my family
5. I will put together a trash can on wheels full of emergency food, water, and disaster supplies
6. I will put together a Grab 'n Go Bag in case I have to evacuate my home
7. I will copy my important documents and place them in my Grab 'n Go Bag. This will include a change of clothing, medications, food and water
8. I will take the Huntington Beach Fire Department CERT classes and invite my family and neighbors to the classes
9. I will graduate from the classes and become a Huntington Beach Fire Department volunteer, helping my community in a disaster.

Preparedness is the key to your family's survival.

Get ready in 2008

The President's Message

By Ron Roth

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season. Happy New Year! The New Year will begin with a new class schedule to train citizens or those who work in Huntington Beach to be ready for disasters that could occur in our community. The first *Save- A- Life Saturday* class will begin April 19, 2008, at the Civic Center. The class will begin at 7:45 AM. All classes are free and if you are a CERT Graduate you are encouraged to attend. By doing so, you will maintain your skills and share your knowledge with those taking the class for the first time.

In addition, we have elected a new Executive Board in November and the Board is: President, Ron Roth; First Vice President, Judy Ann Morris (new); Second Vice President, Peter Petrelis (new); Secretary, Juanita Walker; Treasurer, Esther Whitton; Past President, Cecil Wright; Member at Large, Dick White; Member at Large Carol Burtis and Disaster Service Worker Manager, Bill Worth. Your Management Team members are Booth Team, Bill Worth; Clerical Team, Anna Pinter; Cooking Team, Billie Brandon; Communications Team, John Fort; Drill Team, Carol Burtis; Logistics Team, Ron Roth; Donna Stefferude, Newsletter, Robin Templin;, Sand Bag Team, Janet and Carlton Cook; Senior Response, Richard Batistelli; Search and Rescue, Al Collins; Shelter Team, Tara Twitty; Senior Advocate, Dick White; and Class Coordinator, Kim Louie.

If there is a need to review issues that could impact CERT By-Laws or Constitution, an Executive Board Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. While all are welcome to attend, only Board Members may vote on issues. The Executive Board, at our CERT Team Planning Meeting in December, agreed to have a General Membership Meeting on a quarterly basis. The tentative months for the General Membership Meetings will be February, May, August, and November.

To make your Huntington Beach CERT Team the best it can be requires your participation in the preparation and training of new members. Please get involved and be prepared.

Happy New Year

Resolve to be Ready in 2008

By: Gloria Morrison, Emergency Services Coord.

FEMA has a new disaster preparedness public education program called *Resolve to be Ready in 2008*. You can go to the FEMA website and see the educational tool kit.

Dear Partners in Community Preparedness,

The New Year is fast approaching, and this year the Citizen Corps Program is partnering with the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign to promote "*Resolve to be Ready in 2008*." We hope you will help us take this message to your communities through local activities. To assist you with ideas, the *Ready Campaign* has provided helpful resources and templates to promote *Resolve to be Ready* in your communities and businesses:

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/doc/ResolveToolKit2008FINAL.doc>

The *Ready Campaign* is offering an extra incentive to Citizen Corps partners: If you would like to display a *Resolve to be Ready* web banner with a Citizen Corps logo on it, please email the Ready Campaign at ready@dhs.gov, with a brief message describing your planned activities and a request for the co-branded web banner. Do not forget to send a copy to your state and regional Citizen Corps Program Managers, so they can be aware of all the great things you have planned!!

Also, we encourage you to use our online calendar to publicize your events and share your ideas with others around the nation:

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cc/showEvent.do?subitCalendar>

We hope your holidays are wonderful and look forward to working with you on "Resolve to be Ready 2008"!

Sincerely,

FEMA/Community Preparedness Division
Citizen Corps Program

CERT 2008

By Brevyn Mettler

The New Year is here and your CERT Executive Board has been busy planning for 2008. I think that 2008 is going to be an exciting year with some excellent training opportunities, and hopefully we will shake things up a little. The *Save-A-Life Saturday* series of classes is going to begin on April 19th this year. This is later in the year than normal, but it is necessary because of the Civic Center seismic retrofit that is taking place and repairs that are being made at the Fire Training Center. The classes will take place on the third Saturday of each month through September. The 2008 schedule is on page 5.

Another change that is taking place in 2008 is the General Membership meeting will no longer take place monthly. Beginning in February, the meeting will be held quarterly and will consist of an exercise, training, speaker, etc. for the first hour and then team updates and other business. The Executive Board hopes that this will bring more members to the meetings and will also give us four more learning opportunities in the year. Gloria Morrison will be facilitating a flood drill in the February meeting, so please attend. The first meeting is February 7, 2008 at 7:00PM.

If you have any suggestions on topics, speakers or training you would like to see in the meetings, please e-mail me at bmettler@surfcity-hb.org.

ATTENTION!

Save-A-Life Saturday Registration

This year participants will no longer be able to register by mail or fax. All registration will be done either by the CERT Message Line or online. The online address will be www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT/. The page is still under construction and will be ready by March 01, 2008. Until then you can register by phone at 714-536-5974.

Come One Come All!

General Membership Meeting

Everyone is invited to our first quarterly General Membership Meeting. Come participate in a Table Top Exercise.

Date: February 7, 2008

Time: 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Location: Huntington Beach EOC



2008

January

Floods

Storms can cause flash floods, create power outages and damage homes. Assemble emergency supplies to include sand bags; identify safe routes; and teach children to avoid areas of potential flooding. When flooding occurs, listen to the radio or watch television for information and instructions.



Huntington Beach Fire Department

A Class 1 Fire Department

To Register

Call the CERT Message Line
714-536-5974

or

Register online at
surfcity-hb.org/CERT/



Save-A-Life Saturday Schedule

Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness

April 19, 2008 7:45AM to Noon 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.

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

May 17, 2008 7:45AM to Noon Civic Center

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake 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.

Class 3: Light Search & Rescue

June 21, 2008 7:45AM to Noon 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.

Class 4: Fire Suppression / Fire Extinguishing

July 19, 2008 7:45AM to Noon Fire Training Center

Bring a fire extinguisher and practice putting out a live fire. Learn home fire safety and prevention. Training includes how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Learn backup communication methods to use during an emergency.

Class 5: Drill Your Skills

Aug. 16, 2008 7:45AM to Noon Fire Training Center

Practice all the skills you have learned to respond to an emergency. Learn how to set up a Command Post and manage an emergency incident.

Class 6: CPR

All student are required to become CPR certified. FireMed customers can take classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee of \$30.00. For a schedule call 800-400-4277.

Class 7: Disaster Living

Sept. 20, 2008 7:45AM to 2:00 Civic Center

Learn tenting, outdoor cooking and sanitation. Receive your official Fire Department Volunteer ID Card and jacket.



Civic Center Address: 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, 92648

Fire Training Center Address: 18301 Gothard Street

Get Your Neighborhood Disaster Prepared



Five Easy Steps:

- Find a place to host an hour long presentation (Hall, Home, Rec Room, church, business, school)
- Determine a convenient date and time
- Call the CERT Message Line with your contact information and the date and time you have determined (give us at least 3 weeks notice)
- Distribute the reminder notice and flyer which we will provide
- Provide simple refreshments to be enjoyed at the end of the meeting. We will even bring door prizes

Contact:

Judy Ann Morris

714-536-5974 - CERT Message Line

714-536-8595 - Home

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(Please put CERT in subject line)



CLASS 1

Presented by
Huntington Beach Fire Department
Community Emergency Response Team
(CERT)





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Upcoming Huntington Beach CERT Activities

CERT Management Team Meeting

CERT General Membership Meeting - Thursday, February 7, 2008 @ 7:00PM. *Everyone is invited!*
Meetings are held in the EOC at 2000 Main Street

CERT Message Line: (714) 536-5974

CPR Classes are available to:

- CERT Members may attend for a fee of \$30
- Classes are free to members of FireMed Households.
- Up coming dates:
 - Saturday, January 19th at 9:30am to 12:30pm
 - Wednesday, February 13th at 6pm to 9pm
 - Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30am to 12:30pm
 - Wednesday, March 12th at 6pm to 9pm
- **To register, please call 800-400-4277.**