

CERT Working Committee Meeting

Notes by Patty Waddington

January 17, 2018 (24 in attendance)

- 1.0 **Management Margaret Romiti** spoke about **Smart 911**, a new “Push Notification System” being implemented in Concord, Brentwood and San Ramon. It allows residents to create a free Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 911 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. It’s private and secure and can save seconds or minutes during a 911 call and facilitate a proper response. You register your profile online and will receive a “ping” via email in 6 mos. for updating.
- 2.0 **LISTOS/Spanish CERT** Fadua Galdamez will attend a state level “Train the Trainer” workshop this month, then return to Concord to train her new leaders. She is among the first in northern CA to receive T4 training for LISTOS, which is in its 4th successful year in Concord.
- 3.0 **Operations** – (Rod at a Concord Outreach Presentation)
- 4.0 **Planning/Intelligence** – (Peg presenting at CERT Pleasanton-Livermore)
- 5.0 **Logistics (Elaine Baker reporting for Rod, Peg & Gina)**
The annual “Everything Flier” is published and was handed out. There will be FRS and Ham radio drills during 2018. Spring CERT Basic course begins March 27 on Tuesday night at CPD. Continuing courses on FRS Emergency Communications to be held on May 8, Animal Response (ART) to be held on May 12. Register now to reserve your place. Ham radio classes are available in Concord through Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC). See “glam hams”, Elaine and Lisa for more info.
- 6.0 **Pet Preparedness** Please let Carmen know if you can help her. She is looking for a “sidekick” to help with her many presentations and outdoor activities.
- 7.0 **Administration/Finance** – (Gina at a Concord Outreach Presentation)
- 8.0 **Roundtable discussion** Reminder: you must be present at mtgs. to receive tickets to win raffle prizes at Nov. mtg.... Take FEMA courses – bring certificate – get ticket... **Kidde fire extinguisher** with black plastic handle recalled; will replace, see Kidde website... Safety Fair at the Crossings on Sun., April 15... Target carries the **Life Straw** for filtering drinking water... “Kids Fly Free” begins April 21. Stephen Tucker is asking for a CERT table there... John Williams mentioned Benicia has a 1 day “Ham Cram” class and test... Ernie mentioned the show “Would I Survive” is available on the Weather Channel...

Next meeting on Feb. 21 will have a guest speaker from PG&E. Please come. Guests are also welcome to hear this 90-minutes of information.