

CERT NEWS

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

July 2015

Calendar

QUARTERLY CERT MEETING— WHAT'S IN YOUR GO BAG?

Wednesday, August 12, 6-8pm
Susi Q, Multipurpose Room

SO COUNTY CERT EXERCISE— GREAT WAY TO PRACTICE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED!

Saturday, September 12, 7am-3pm
Park at San Juan City Hall, walk to
Mobile Estates to get assigned.
RSVP Sandi Cain at
LagunaCERT@gmail.com
See page 2 for more info.

NEXT CERT TRAINING— ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN OUR RANKS!

7 Wednesday Sessions, 6-9pm,
plus the final session on Saturday,
November 14 from 9am - 1pm.
Susi Q, Multipurpose room
To register fill out the online regis-
tration form at [www.lagunabeach-
city.net](http://www.lagunabeach-
city.net) and email it to Jordan
Villwock, Emergency Management
Coordinator, [jvillwock@laga-
nabeachcity.net](mailto:jvillwock@laga-
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**CERT ~ doing the
greatest good for
the greatest number
of people.**

From the Emergency Operations Coordinator

The Laguna Beach Police Department and CERT Board of Directors are excited to introduce our first Laguna Beach CERT newsletter! This will be a platform for sharing stories, disaster preparedness tips, and upcoming training events and classes. We intend to publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis to ensure everyone stays informed.

Since the program was implemented in March of 2012 **we have graduated 166 community members** in only 6 classes. This speaks volumes about the dedication and volunteerism our community instills. Thank each of you for your time and commitment to making Laguna Beach's CERT Program successful.

Save the date of Wednesday August 12th at 6pm for our first Quarterly CERT Meeting "**What's In Your Go Bag?**" which will be held at the Susi Q Center. This will be a chance to show off special things you have added to your own bag as well as the basics of what should be in it. Free raffle tickets will be provided to participants for a chance to add free items to your bag! Those who have not had their picture taken for their official CERT ID card can do so at this meeting as well. Remember completion of fingerprinting is required before ID Cards will be issued.

Do not miss the opportunity to participate in the **South County CERT Exercise** on September 12, 2015! This exercise is a joint effort between the Cities of San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, San Clemente, and Laguna Beach.

Jordan Villwock, MS

Emergency Operations Coordinator



CERT board members Sonny Myers and Charlie Barr introduced CERT to visitors at the Bluebird Farms' Disaster Day in late May.



CERT members Beth and Marielle Leeds took this photo as they watched the tanker drop retardant on the July 3 fire at Canyon Acres Drive and Laguna Canyon Road from a booth at the Sawdust Festival nearby.



Laguna Beach CERT members demonstrated proper fire extinguisher techniques to visitors young and old at the City Open House in May.

Stay Connected from Sandi Cain, Outreach Chief

Last week's fire in Laguna Canyon was a **good reminder** to make sure you are signed up on the city website for **traffic alerts** that sometimes also include emergency events and on **AlertOC.com** where you can add all cell phone numbers and email addresses in your household to get notices of more widespread events. And please sign up for your neighborhood on **NextDoor.com** as well. Plug in your address and you'll be directed to the right neighborhood online community. The leads for each community can tailor emergency or other updates just to that one sector.



CERT Communications Chief Sonny Myers and Training Chief Mike Mitchell present a certificate of thanks to Alex Uniack, General Manager of Ganahl Lumber, for disaster readiness supplies donated as door prizes for an upcoming CERT quarterly meeting.

What's Happening from Sandi Cain, Outreach Chief

Please mark your calendars for the **quarterly Laguna Beach CERT meeting** set for Aug. 12 at the SusiQ Center from 6-8pm. While free parking will be available, please carpool if possible since that parking garage is also used for visitor parking during the summer. Our program will include updates, short training exercise—AND we want everyone to bring their own personal CERT bag for a show-and-tell dubbed "What's in YOUR Go-Bag?" All attendees will have a chance to show off the most prized possession in their CERT bag, the most unique thing they include or another personalized aspect of preparation. There will be a few prizes involved!

Training Opportunities from Mike Mitchel, Training Chief

Good news for friends and neighbors: there will be a **second CERT class this year**, beginning Sept. 30 and ending with the exercise on Nov. 14. Please let neighbors, friends and members of local groups know about the training. If you missed a class in your training, this might be a chance to make up that class too! The flyer and application can be found at:

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/programs/cert.asp>

South County CERT drill will be a simulated earthquake event and take place in a mobile home park in San Juan Capistrano on September 12 from 7am-3pm. Some of you have already signed up, but we'd like a total count by our Aug. 12 steering committee meeting for that event. It's a long day, but it's fun and educational and you'll meet CERT members from other cities as well! RSVP to me at **LagunaCERT@gmail.com** with "South County CERT" in the subject line if you are interested.