

CERT CONNECT



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CERT & Incident Command System

The Incident Command System (ICS) is the system used by emergency response agencies to manage emergency operations. When a CERT activates, it becomes part of the incident management system. Basic ICS structure for CERT is established by the person who arrives first on the scene. ICS structure is based around five functional areas.

Command: Set the incident objectives, strategies, and priorities, and has overall responsibility for the incident.

Operations: Establishes tactics and directs all operational resources.

Planning: Supports the incident action planning process by tracking resources.

Logistics: Arranges for resources and needed services to support achievement of the incident objectives.

Finance: Monitors costs related to the incident. Provides accounting, procurement, time recording, and cost analyses.



Although, our State is experiencing its worst drought since the late 1800's CERT members should still know where they and their neighbors can locate FREE sand and sandbags within our communities.

Sand & Sandbag Locations!

[Atherton](#)

[East Palo Alto](#)

[Menlo Park](#)

[San Mateo County](#)



TRAINING

CERT members are encouraged to keep learning and seeking out classes that will strengthen their skills.

**BE RESPONSIBLE!
BE READY!**



National Preparedness Month

“HOLIDAY CYBER SHOPPING SAFETY”

Every year, more people are shopping online to beat the long lines. But the dream of Cyber Shopping can become a financial nightmare if you are not aware.

SAFE ONLINE SHOPPING TOP 7 TIPS

BE MINDFUL OF...

- 1 THE CARD YOU USE**
Avoid using debit cards. Make sure your credit card has fraud protection, and check your statements!
- 2 THE SITES YOU USE**
Stick to major retailer sites that have "HTTPS" and a padlock icon in the address bar (this shows they're secure).
- 3 HOW YOU CONNECT**
Only use public WiFi to shop if you're using a VPN. Make sure your home WiFi is password-protected.
- 4 WHAT YOU SUBMIT**
If a site asks for your SSN or other sensitive information, shop elsewhere. That is almost always a scam.
- 5 YOUR ACCOUNT INFO**
Consider a separate email address for shopping. Use strong passwords and two-factor authentication.
- 6 THE DEALS YOU FIND**
Be wary of monster deals in emails or advertisements. If it seems "too good to be true," it probably is.
- 7 THE TOYS YOU BUY**
Be careful buying toys and gadgets with microphones. Research what happens to the data they record.

JOIN OUR TEAM



We're still looking for volunteers to join our team and help promote emergency preparedness districtwide!

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT OPENINGS!!

- CERT Co- Instructor
- Logistics Cache Team Member
- Area Team Liaison

Sign-Up on the New Website

www.menlofirecert.com



On-scene Management

Effective emergency scene management requires the formulation goals and tactical objectives to do the most good for the greatest number while maintaining the safety of rescue personnel.

Remember that rescuer safety is paramount.

The first question to ask is, "Is it safe for the CERT volunteers to attempt the rescue?" The answer to this question is based on the degree of damage:

HEAVY – No do not enter

MODERATE– Yes but only quick rescues

LIGHT – Yes, but continue to size up





CERT DISASTER READY QUIZ

Each month two individuals will be entered into a raffle to win an emergency preparedness prize. In order to be eligible for the raffle, you will need to submit your answers through this [online form](#). You must answer all 5 questions correctly to be eligible for the raffle.

<p>1. CERT organization is based on _____.</p>	<p>A. Capability, Cooperation, Concentration B. The Incident Command System C. Whoever has the loudest voice D. First in, last out</p>
<p>2. The CERT organizational framework is flexible so that it can _____ depending on the ongoing assessment priorities determined by the CERT Team Leader, people, and resources available.</p>	<p>A. grow B. stabilize C. pivot D. expand or contract</p>
<p>3. Which ICS Section is responsible for tracking incident resources?</p>	<p>A. Operations Section B. Planning Section C. Logistics Section D. Finance / Administration Section</p>
<p>4. Which ICS Section is responsible for providing communications for the incident?</p>	<p>A. Operations Section B. Planning Section C. Logistics Section D. Finance / Administration Section</p>
<p>5. According to ICS the Incident Commander will be found at the _____.</p>	<p>A. EOC B. Staging Area C. Front Line D. Command Post</p>



Congratulations to some of our most recent winners: **Christine Sapyta & Stuart Sussman**



Emergency Lanterns