



CERT NEWSLETTER

August 2018

Advantages of a Newsletter

The purpose of a CERT newsletter is to provide specialized information to the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno CERT membership. We strive to create credibility and build awareness for you and the services you provide.

Introductions

Los Gatos-Monte Sereno CERT program has some new faces. Meet our Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department CERT Staff .

Chief Peter Decena



Captain Mike D'Antonio



Sergeant Jamie Field



Jackie Rose



CERT Academy Update

First, we would like to welcome our newest CERT member Kate Young. Kate graduated from the July, 2018 CERT academy and will be joining the Vista Del Monte Neighborhood.

The next CERT academy will be held in Los Altos beginning on September 11, 2018. Followed by the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno hosted Academy beginning on October 22, 2018. For additional information, visit www.sccfd.org.

Los Gatos CERT Training Opportunities

Los Gatos-Monte Sereno CERT will be hosting a Red Cross training on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Operations Building, EOC Room. Terry Unter, Red Cross Specialist, will be providing training to CERT members on how to install Smoke Alarms. This training will coordinate with a Free Fire Alarm program hosted by Santa Clara County Fire. Once trained, CERT members will be able to assist Red Cross and County Fire with home installation of smoke alarms for folks who need assistance.

Also, on August 16th, CERT Members will be hosting a informational table at the Senior Center from 3:00—4:30 p.m. County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman will be presenting on [fraud prevention](#) and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation Department will host the ice cream social.

August Events/Training Opportunities

- ◆ August 15th—CERT Refresher—Basic Search and Rescue (SCC Fire HQ)
- ◆ August 16th LGMS CERT Red Cross Smoke Alarm Training—LGPD POB
- ◆ August 29th—Hands Only CPR (SCC Fire—Los Gatos)
- ◆ Check out your CERT Training Calendar for more opportunities



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Tips Before, During and After a Disaster

- ⇒ **What is a disaster preparedness plan?** Plan and Prepare for Disasters. Preparedness is defined by FEMA as "a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response."
- ⇒ **What do you need in an emergency kit?** A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items: Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation. Food— at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation. Visit Ready.gov for a full list of recommended items.
- ⇒ **Why is it important to be prepared when there is a disaster?** Every year, disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives. ...Being prepared and understanding what to do will reduce the fear, anxiety and losses that accompany most disasters. You should understand the importance of making a family disaster plan and having emergency supplies on hand. Visit [LG Prepared Webpage](#) to complete a family communication plan.
- ⇒ **Keep your important documents safe from a disaster** There is a way around all the late-minute hassle, but it will take some time and a way to organize and contain your important documents so that you can grab and go when a disaster strikes. Container options can range from a fireproof lock box or safe, a safety deposit box or something as simple as a three-ring binder with plastic sleeves into which you can insert the documents.



Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Ares/Races

The mission of the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Ares/Races Emergency Communications Group is to provide amateur Radio-based communications, when traditional channels are unavailable.

CERT Members can participate in the one-day training to receive their HAM radio license.

The next HAM Cram training will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018