

July 2011 Monthly Report
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This month I taught class # 2 of a 4-part CERT Leadership program designed to have more of our CERT members trained to be CERT Supervisors and to be able to set up the ARK or Disaster Trailers in the event of an emergency. We had 40 CERT members attend the 2-hour training class. I was able to instruct them how to set up the ARK, where to place barricade tape to make the incident more manageable, where the forms are kept, how to open the awnings, set up the generator and run the lights and coffee pot, set up cots, review what is stored in all of the bins and numerous other set up ideas and problems they might encounter during an emergency.

I also met with our Large Animal Rescue (LAR) Group. We discussed animal identification, evacuation routes and staging areas. Some of this information is going to be on the LAHCFD web site for future reference for our citizens. We currently have 12 DSW certified LAR members, we are shooting for a total of 20 by the end of the year.

I have been working with Dave Snow, the web site master on providing more information to our citizens on disaster preparedness. Check out the updated site and you will see that we have added a lot of new information, with more to come.

I will be submitting a proposal to the board for approval of 50 new CERT vests for our most active CERT members. The vests that they were originally issued are cheap, look haphazard and do not have the LAHCFD printing on them to identify who they work for in an emergency. I am hoping for board approval so I can order them by the end of August.

I helped Daughters of Charity organize a fire drill that will be held on July 27th, R-14 crew will help in the drill.

Letter was drafted and submitted to Stu for our next round of PEP classes to be mailed out in early September to zones 1,2,3.