

Proposal for LAH CERT Wiki Website

Request to the Board

We request permission to create and maintain a web site for the use of the LAH CERT team, containing reference information of general utility to the CERT community.

The Need

LAH CERT leadership has identified the need to more easily collect, organize and share a variety of information with new and existing members of CERT. Information includes sources of equipment (e.g., radios, tools, clothing, etc.), useful web links, sources of emergency-related information and training materials, contact information of other CERT members and answers to other "frequently asked questions".

Currently, this information is shared word-of-mouth, or in limited cases, on printed materials. As such, the information is often incomplete or out of date. The CERT leaders desire a simple and more efficient means to share information. Ideally, it would be easy to update and would leverage volunteer efforts to collect, edit and disseminate information.

LAH CERT currently uses the LAHCFD website for event calendaring and public information dissemination. This solution works well for these uses, but for CERT use we need a solution that allows CERT volunteers to more easily and directly edit the web site.

Proposed Solution

We propose to create a wiki (web site) specifically for use by the LAH CERT team. Volunteers would manage the wiki website, including information contained within the wiki. The wiki would be editable (modifiable) by a controlled set of CERT volunteers. Information contained within the wiki, as well as people allowed to modify the wiki, would be under the oversight of Mike Sanders, LAH Emergency Services Coordinator and/or delegates within the CERT leadership. There would be no expenses associated with the wiki, as there are free services provide by Google and other companies that will suffice for the CERT needs.

We feel that the use of a web site would be substantially more convenient for the CERT leadership, and would be more easily accessed by the CERT membership.

Additional Details

A wiki is a web site designed to contain reference information. The best known example of a wiki is Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org), an online encyclopedia, although a wiki can be created by any organization and may contain any type of information. Wikis are frequently used by all types of organizations to manage and share ad hoc information, reference materials and collaboratively managed documents. Wikis are notable for their ease of information entry, using a system similar to a word processor.

Several individuals within the LAH CERT community have volunteered to manage the technical and editorial aspects of the proposed wiki, and it is expected that the contents of the wiki will be collected, over time, from many CERT members (e.g., as they find useful materials, equipment or other information for wider dissemination).

LAHCFD WIKI – Resource Information

Apparel

- Boots and/or study shoes
- CERT logo shirts
- Hard hats/helmets
- High visibility gear (jackets, pants, vests, gloves, etc.)
- Rain gear (gloves, boots, hats and/or hat covers, jackets, pants, ponchos, etc.)
- Socks – cotton or wool is suggested
- Sturdy clothing (fire hose work pants, utility pants, etc.)
- Sun hats
- Vests

Camping Gear

- Cots
- Chairs
- Cleaning supplies
- Cookware
- Dishes
- Emergency candles
- Freeze-dried food
- Fuel
- Insect repellent
- Lanterns

- N95 respirator dust masks
- Tyvek suits
- Vests
- Whistles
- Work gloves

Sanitary Supplies

- Liquid and solid waste bags
- Receptacle for hazardous waste bags
- Toilet bucket
- Toilet chemicals
- Toilet paper
- Urinal kits

Shelters

- Canopies
- Privacy
- Sidewalls for canopies

Water

- Containers
- Filtration
- Purification (tablets, etc.)
- Storage

Miscellaneous

- Bungee cords
- Clamps
- Duct tape
- Gas shut-off tool
- Mylar blankets
- Pry bar
- Rope
- Tarps
- Tie-downs
- Tug Tool
- Utility knives

Radios

- FRS
- GMRS
- Ham

- Antennas

Safety Equipment

- Eyewear (safety goggles and/or safety glasses)
- Fire extinguishers
- Flashlights, accessories & supplies
- Head lamps, accessories & supplies
- Knee pads
- Light sticks

- Mosquito netting
- Sleeping bags
- Stove
- Tents
- Utensils
- Water bottles
- Waterproof matches

Emergency Essentials

- Flashlights
- Hand-crank radios
- Spot light

First Aid Supplies

- Kits
- Nitrile gloves
- Triage tape

Identification

- CERT logos for shirts, jackets, backpacks, vests, etc.
- Embroidered names
- Luggage tags and/or grips
- Reflective tape
- Vinyl lettering for hard hats/helmets