

January 2015 Monthly Report
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This month I spent quite a bit of time preparing for our next round of PEP class, CERT, New CERT Supervisor and ongoing CERT Supervisor classes.

The PEP & Sr PEP classes were set up in early November with Classes starting on February 21st, 28th, March 14th & 21st; copies and binders have been made for all of the classes. CERT material has been printed at Office Depot and binders have been made with anticipation of having 30 new CERT students attend.

For our New CERT Supervisor Class which starts January 27, 28, February 3rd, 4th, 9th & 10th we are anticipating another 12-14 new C/S in this class bring the total of C/S to around 40. These C/S have been given additional training (approx. 30 hours) each year. These will be the CERTs that can run any incident that may occur in Los Altos Hills County Fire District. On going C/S training has been set up so that we meet 11 times a year to go over the Incident Command System, ARK set up, Zone Mapping check and other higher level CERT training.

This month I held a CERT training meeting at Town Hall, we had over 65 CERTs from our LAHCFD attended the training session which focused on zone surveys, CERT/Ham Radio Recon and some role playing involving dealing with anxious and impatient CERTs as well as citizens who might be approached by our CERT members. It always seems to amaze me that we had this many CERTs attend a training night in the middle of January when most CERT organizations barely have 65 CERTs attend some kind of training in any given year.

I held a C/S training class on ICS set up and used a tabletop model that I learned from in a class in Monterey several years ago. It was well received and our C/S members did a great job.

I Taught 2 of the 6 New CERT Supervisor classes this month. We have 12 people attending our sessions. This ranges from ICS, Forms, Trailer set up, ARK set up and then a final where the New CERTs C/S have to set up the ARK for an incident.

I also met with Stephanie Lim, a student from Stanford University who is doing her Masters on Personal Involvement in the community. I met with Stephanie for about 2 hours and discussed what we do here in LAHCFD for our citizens.