

# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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## HB CERT HIGHLIGHTS

- Classes begin April 19, 2008. Please Register ASAP [Surfcity-hb.org/CERT](http://Surfcity-hb.org/CERT) or call 714-536-5974

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**CLASS 1**



## The President's Message

Ron Roth

We are about to begin our Save -A-Life Saturday classes for 2008. This year is later than past years due to the retrofit of City Hall. The first class will be at the Civic Center in the Council Chambers on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Registration will begin at 7:45 A. M. in the hall outside the Council Chambers.

To sign up for this class you can call the CERT Message Line at 714-536-5974, or register online at [www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT). You may sign up for one class or more than one class if you wish. There is no charge for the classes, but you must register to be sure that you are given credit for each class you attend. If you attend all seven classes you will be a CERT graduate, and receive your CERT shirt, badge and jacket.

I am looking forward to seeing graduates this year. You will be surprised when you attend the classes and find there is information from the class that you missed the first time or new information.

Ask your neighbors to join us at the classes. Sometimes people need to be invited by someone who has already completed the classes. If you have a shy neighbor or family member, ask them to join you for a cup of coffee and a donut and learn how to prepare their family for any emergency that might impact Huntington Beach.

I invite all residents of Huntington Beach to join us on April 19, 2008, at City Hall Council Chambers for Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness.

## First Aid Team Gets Top Aide

Bill Worth

First Aid is one of the response teams that is needed in an emergency. This is true whether it be a neighborhood or community emergency or a large scale city-wide disaster. A person does not need to have a medical degree in order to help. In a disaster, just knowing how to do CPR, or stop a blood flow, can be just as important. You will be saving a life and that is a worthwhile skill.

In keeping with the CERT Mission, we will be training people to be at ease in the face of emergency when a situation occurs that requires some knowledge about stopping blood, splinting broken limbs, calming people in shock, etc. **This team now has a leader.** Billie Brandon was one of the founders of the CERT program and has been a valued team leader for several years. She has agreed to be the team leader of the First Aid Team.

Please contact Billie if you would like to join this critical team. Our first team meeting will be in April. We will be participating in the First Aid Class in May. We may also have a display at the Disaster Living Class in September. You may also contact me if you would like to be on this dynamic team.

The First Aid Team meeting will be held at the Church of Later Day Saints at the corner of Edwards and McFadden at 7:00 PM on April 22.



## CERT Booth Team

Bill Worth

The March CERT Booth was at the Huntington Beach Farmers' Market on March 14. We distributed 275 packets of information. If just half of the people read the packet and take action, we could save lives or extreme hardship for almost 150 families.

It was a beautiful day, but windy. We were treated to about 10 to 15 people riding the two wheel, power, people-mover vehicles. They were very maneuverable and were allowed to go out on the pier. It was an interesting spectacle.



Our gratitude goes to the volunteers who helped prepare and distribute the packets. The clerical volunteers were: Anna Pinter, Art Weiland, Liz Berry and Ray Barak. The Booth volunteers were: Minor Packham, Ron Roth, Richard Batistelli, Roy Alzua, Joe Tom, Mike Bogen, Jean Bogen and Bill Worth.

Our next Booth will be at the YMCA on April 9. A request for volunteers will be sent out in the near future.

## Where Do You Live in HB?

Judy Ann Morris / Judy Secor

Do you live in RD 139? Do you live in the tract bounded by **Golden West/Edwards and Bolsa/McFadden?**

**Good News!!!** We are holding CERT Meetings in your neighborhood. Judy Secor and HB CERT are working to organize the entire RD street-by-street and neighborhood-by-neighborhood. We have held several successful meetings and we are looking for new hosts to have **one-hour** presentation in their homes. You would be inviting your neighbors to learn about Disaster Preparedness and all of the classes that Huntington Beach CERT has to offer. HB CERT provides all the presentation and materials.

All you would have to invest is a couple of hours of your time and you could make a difference in your very own neighborhood. Most people believe that disasters won't happen in their backyard. We know that isn't true when it comes to earthquakes and floods in Huntington Beach.

We are trying to hold one meeting in every block of RD 139. If you live in this area please call: Judy Ann Morris

## Search & Rescue Notes

Al Collins

We have been quite busy so far this year. We have done classes for Johnny Dee at Huntington Shore Cliff Mobile Home Park on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, a cribbing demonstration at the Preparedness Fair at Billy Brandon's church on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a class on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Brookfield Manor for Mike Carpenter. on building searches. All three went well thanks to a loyal group of team members, namely Bill Worth, Robin Templin, Valarie Jordan, Daren Croteau, Judy Ann Morris, Arleeta Gregory, John Palmeri, Roy Alzua, Robert McElhiney, and Joe Tom, and a big THANK YOU to all for their time.

These classes would not be possible if it wasn't for Search & Rescue team members wanting to practice the skills we have learned at the Save-A-Life Saturday Classes. Keeping up with our skills is what its all about. Being confident and comfortable in what we do is the main part of the training in anything we do. Knowing how to do something well makes it easy to help when its needed.

That's my goal - to have at least one well trained Search & Rescue team member ready to go in each of the city's reporting districts and my prayer is that we won't be needed.

# What is Going on in the Neighborhood

Judy Ann Morris

2008 is starting out as an exciting year for the Neighborhood CERTS. We are bringing great one-hour programs directly to the neighborhoods. Several of our CERT Team Leaders have formed "outreach" teams to help Neighborhood CERTS with their programs. I personally want to thank **Al Collins and the Search and Rescue Team** for being one of the first teaching teams to help. Search and Rescue have taught four classes in the neighborhoods this year. Also, **Billie Brandon** from the **First Aid Team** has held a class on Emergency First Aid at Brookfield Manor Mobile Home Park. All of the classes were well attended and everyone appreciated the "hands on" experience. Once your neighborhood has decided to organize as a CERT these are the classes that we are working on to bring to your front door.

How to Register and Survey Your Neighborhood  
Street Leader Training  
How to Organize Your Teams  
Search and Rescue  
Emergency First Aid

These are all **one hour classes** and they do not replace the SAVE A LIFE SATURDAY Classes. They are designed to help strengthen your Neighborhood CERT meetings and keep the interest going!

Remember it all starts with **YOU!** Call or email today to set your date for the first Disaster Preparedness Class in your neighborhood. It will take approximately one hour for the class and another hour of your time to contact your neighbors.

Please phone Judy Ann -536-8595 or email [jamorris189@yahoo.com](mailto:jamorris189@yahoo.com) (Please put CERT in the subject line)

**If you have an already established CERT that would like any of the programs please contact me.**

## Huntington Beach RACES Recruitment

Peter Barbour, N6RAS

In an effort to increase the number of Huntington Beach RACES communicators, Huntington Beach held a new-member recruitment drive in March. The process began with a direct mailing to approximately 1,100 FCC licensed amateur radio operators in Huntington Beach. A personal letter from Fire Chief Duane Olson introduced the RACES program and was accompanied with a current HB RACES promotional brochure. This direct mail outreach was conducted in early February and invited hams to monitor our RACES weekly nets and attend an open house on March 5<sup>th</sup> in the city counsel chambers.



The open house event featured remarks by Huntington Beach Fire Operations Chief Eric Engberg and EOC Battalion Chief Mark Daggett underscoring the powerful partnership between the Fire Department and the HB RACES program. Huntington Beach EOC Coordinator Glorria Morrison, KE6ATG and RACES Chief Radio Officer Peter Barbour, N6RAS also made presentations. They focused their PowerPoint discussions on the partnership that the city maintains in emergency preparedness and the RACES program. Typical emergency communications tasks such as mutual aid, a fire dispatch redundancy plan and Amateur TV operations from our helicopter were discussed.

About 50 interested hams attended the evening presentation. The evening concluded with an informal tour of our EOC. The recently renovated EOC features modern computer assisted emergency management systems including a video display wall useful for presentation and status display and Amateur TV viewing. RACES communication resources (including ATV) were demonstrated for the assembled hams. HB RACES is processing about 20 applications for new members and is quite pleased with the results of this recent outreach. The key to this successful event was strong support from the city's Fire Department leadership and frequent communications to interested hams once they got in the door to learn about the HB RACES program.

### Upcoming Events

- April 9, 9:30AM to 12:30PM – Fire Med CPR Training
- April 19, 8AM to 12PM – Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness  
Civic Center, 2000 Main St. HB 92648
- May 17, 8AM to 12PM –(Med Ops I & II)  
Civic Center, 2000 Main St. HB 92648
- June 21, 8AM to 12PM – Light Search & Rescue Training Center

\*To register for classes call 714-536-5974 or Online at [www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT)

\* Fire Med customers can take classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee of \$30. For a schedule call 800-400-4277.

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