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CLASS 1



President's Message

By Judy Ann Morris
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It is time to schedule a Disaster Preparedness Talk for your Neighborhood, Business, School, Civic Organization or Church. This is a perfect way to introduce our 2010 Save-A-Life Saturday Classes to the residents of Huntington Beach. It is easy and it is FREE!

Five Simple Steps:

- Find a place to host an hour-long presentation given by a trained HBFD CERT Volunteer Speaker.
- Choose a convenient date and time for your group.
- Call the CERT Message Line (714-536-5974) or email Judy Ann Morris at jamorris189@yahoo.com (please put CERT in the subject line) with your contact information, the date, and time you have determined. Please give us at least three weeks notice and we will do our best to accommodate your group.
- CERT will provide a flyer to distribute to your neighborhood or group.
- Provide simple refreshments to be enjoyed at the end of the meeting. Our CERT Speaker will provide all printed material and even bring a door prize for your guests.

Disaster Preparedness Expo 2010 Flyers or Save-A-Life Saturday Class Schedules:

If you would like to pick up a quantity of Disaster Expo or Save-a-Life Saturday Class Schedule flyers to distribute to your neighbors, post in businesses, churches, or to present to a Huntington Beach organization, please contact Judy Ann Morris or Peter Petrelis by email. We need volunteers to work the Disaster Expo on February 20, 2010. Please, contact Judy Ann or Peter.

CERT Badges

Peter Petrelis will be making CERT badges in the coming months. If you have an expired CERT badge, or you are a 2009 CERT graduate who has completed paperwork and background check, but did not receive a badge, please contact Peter Petrelis by e-mail for an appointment time.

Announcing the 2010 Elected CERT Officers:

President - Judy Ann Morris
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1st Vice President - Peter Petrelis
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2nd Vice President - Richard Batistelli
Secretary - Juanita Walker
Treasurer - Esther Whitton
DSW Manager - Kim Louie

During the past months Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers have participated in the following events:

- Oct. 2 CERT Management Team Meeting
- Oct. 9 CERT Information Booth at Farmers' Market
- Oct. 10 Huntington Beach Hospital Flu Clinic
- Oct. 15 Golden West College ShakeOut Drill
- Oct. 17 Command Post Training
- Oct. 26 Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 30 Information Booth at Schroeder Elementary School
- Nov. 5 CERT Management Team Meeting
- Nov. 13 CERT Information Booth at Farmers' Market
- Nov. 14 Friends of CERT toured a portion of the San Andreas Fault
- Nov. 20 Executive Board Meeting
- Dec. 7 CERT members attended Mayor Cathy Green's Inauguration at City Council
- Dec. 18 CERT volunteers helped with traffic control at Village View Elementary School
- Jan. 6 CERT Management Team Meeting
- Jan. 10 CERT Cooking Team met for chili tasting and training
- Jan. 17 CERT Cooking Team entered a Chili Cook Off at Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Jan. 20 Planning meeting for the February 20, 2010 Library Expo

During December, many CERT volunteers helped the City distribute the HB Sands Community Services Guide.

If you're interested in participating in future activities, or have any questions, please contact Judy Ann Morris.

THE 1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE

Submitted by CERT Members Linda & Cecil Wright



Linda's maternal grandfather, Arthur Spangenberg, was born in San Francisco on Christmas Day 1892. He was 13 years old when the 8.3 Magnitude earthquake struck the Bay Area killing 503 people (the total death toll reached 700 due to the subsequent fires). The following is his personal account of the earthquake and the few days following. This write-up was extracted from his hand-written autobiography which had been created for a class at the Pasadena Senior Citizen Center when he was approximately 85 years old.

"...In 1906 we were living at 1706 ½ Turk St., S.F., which was the upper floor of a two story residence. On April 18th at about 5 o'clock in the morning, Frisco was awakened by a terrific earthquake. There is no need to remind us of the terrible damage it did and that many lives were lost. I just want to recall what the situation was with the average lucky family - our family being in that bracket. On our house and a lot of the neighbors it was just that part of the chimneys which were above the roof that were shaken apart. Inside, all things that were on shelves had much of it fall down. As for glasses and dishes more than half of them got broken to pieces. People living on the ground floor had a noticeably greater damage than the upstairs family did. The water pipes in practically every home had big leaks by the time the quake ended. Many bath-rooms and kitchens got flooded and as the stove-pipe in the kitchen was shaken apart the mixture of soot and water was an awful mess.

When I awoke I just stayed and listened to the noise of the chimney bricks rolling down the roof. I don't remember of being afraid - in minutes my Mother came to our bed-room and told us to get up right away and get dressed. Soon as I was on my feet I realized I really was scared - my legs were so shaky. Before us kids were even dressed our Dad was out on the street corner waiting for the electric street-car. At a large department store on Market St. he was book-keeper and cashier. He was able to get into the building before it was

on fire and saved much valuable material from destruction. It was the fire that did the worst damage.

Within minutes after the quake ended police-cars slowly traversed the whole city. An officer, with a bull-horn was in each car and shouted orders which must be obeyed. We were told not to use our stoves or even to have any light in our house. The city was now under martial control and disobedience would not be tolerated. Maybe not everyone got the message as some lights were seen and were actually put out with bullets. The day of the quake and the day after there were many acts of what I consider to be the lowest form of thievery. There were many bodies lying dead close by their homes and even on the streets and side-walks. Thieves worked fast and would strip the bodies of their watches and jewelry. It so happened that someone realized what was going on and notified an officer. In minutes the bull-horns were again put to use and the word was spread that anyone seen stealing would be shot on sight.

After several days a few blocks of old but well kept homes were blasted flat to make a fire-break. The fire got bigger on each passing day - the city's water-system being almost completely wrecked. The fire-department couldn't do much to stop it. Well, we couldn't cook in our homes, some people didn't even sleep indoors. Generally, two families would work together. One family, most likely the one on a ground floor would offer to have his stove removed to the edge of the side-walk. Then, both families would unhinge 3 or 4 of the inside doors of their house. They would be carried out, stood on-end, and fastened together to make 3 walls around the stove. That would be a kitchen for two families. In most cases the kitchen got a roof of galvanized iron, or of canvas. Soon, the owners gave their kitchen a name and would paint a neat sign and put it in a conspicuous place. Most people would name their kitchen after a high-tone café or restaurant - such as the Waldorf Astoria, the Little St. Francis, or the Ritz Carlton.

THE 1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE (Continued)

My brother Herbert had worked as a draft-man and could paint a neat sign. It happened that a young woman stenographer who worked for the same firm as my Dad did but whose home was in Oakland had made an over-nite visit with friends in Frisco. On account of the earth-quake it was very difficult to get a ride on a ferry-boat - so my folks invited her to live with us till conditions were normal. The young lady's name was Ethel Eager. Herb was inspired by her last name so he named our Café "Café Eager", eager for grub. A few days after the sign was up a young man came walking down our street and when he saw the sign he stopped and asked one of our family if it had a special meaning. When he was told it was in honor of Miss Ethel Eager he said he was Ethel's brother. He a few years ago had gotten the wanderlust and hadn't seen his folks for years. Also, the folks had moved and didn't know where their son was, so they were out of touch. So, happily our sign brought the family together again.

Some small stores (grocery) raised their prices but the owners soon lived to regret it. A customer reported the unfair act and right away the military took over the store. From then on the store doled out the food-stuffs - an article to each person for free.

San Francisco had always had a reputation of being an unfriendly-sort of cold people. However, the big quake changed all that kind of behavior. Every-one now greeted each other and talked together like friends. There was a wealthy couple lived in a big house one block from our home. One day the man walked down the street and spoke to neighbors he hadn't ever before even nodded to. He told my folks and several others that if another big shake occurred we were welcome to take refuge on his yacht which was docked at a harbor nearby...."

Arthur, 'Grandpa', Spangenberg was a World War 1, U.S. Army veteran. After the war he married Violet Olson and they had two daughters, Marjorie (Linda's mother) and Leah Belle. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier. Grandpa died in 1981 at the age of 88 from complications after hip surgery.



2010 CENSUS

THIS IS PRETTY BASIC ADVICE;

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers, by the BBB.

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.** The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Effective January 6, 2010

On November 16, 2009, the City of Huntington Beach City Council adopted an Ordinance which amends chapter 14.18 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code establishing a Water Conservation and Water Supply Program. In addition, the City Council reconfirmed Level 1 of the Water Management Program.

Permanent Water Ordinance Requirements	
Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.	Washing down hard or paved surfaces is prohibited.
Irrigation is limited to no more than 15 minutes per day per station.	Leaks, breaks or malfunctions must be corrected within seven (7) days of notification.
Washing of vehicles requires the use of hand-held bucket or hose equipped with positive self closing water shut-off nozzle.	Water fountains or decorative water features are required to use recirculation systems.
Installation of single pass cooling systems to domestic water supplies is prohibited	Restaurants are required to use water conserving dish wash spray valves.
Excessive water flow runoff is prohibited	Restaurants to serve drinking water only upon request

Level 1 Water Supply Shortage in Effect
Limits on Watering Days – Limited to three (3) days per week during the months of April through October and limited to one (1) day per week during the months of November through March.
Leaks, breaks or malfunctions must be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours of notification.

To view the amending ordinance, please visit our website at: www.surfcity-hb.org/hbwater or visit the City Clerk at City Hall. For questions on water conservation call the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921.



WATER: DO MORE WITH LESS

City of Huntington Beach

Disaster Preparedness Expo 2010

February 20, 2010 | Central Library | 10AM to 2PM

Sponsored by: Huntington Beach Fire Department



Learn from experts at the first annual Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo.

- Free admission
- Fun and Exciting Demonstrations
- Disaster Volunteer Organizations
- Disaster Preparedness Vendors
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- City Response Equipment Exhibits
- Fun for the Kids

Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave
Huntington Beach, CA 92648



Become a Fire Department Volunteer

Get Your Home and Family Prepared



In most disasters, the victim or bystander is the first to respond. Do you know what to do?

Potential impact of a 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a FEMA endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency response personnel could become overwhelmed and resources will be limited. By becoming CERT trained, you will gain the skills to help emergency responders save lives and property. Once you have completed the training, you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department CERT volunteer.



What Will I Learn?

In the **Save-A-Life Saturday** series, you will learn:

- How to prepare your home and family for a disaster
- How to perform basic first aid and CPR
- How to safely search a building for trapped victims and rescue them
- How to put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- How to survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe
- How to use all these skills to create a Neighborhood CERT Team



CLASS 1

Emergency Management
&

Homeland Security Office

2000 Main Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

714-374-1565

What do CERT Volunteers do?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. You will be taught to manage a disaster in your home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of your home, family and neighborhood, you will help the city with duties such as, providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire Department and Police Department.



Huntington Beach Fire Department

A Class 1 Fire Department

Classes are free,
but you must register

To Register

Call the CERT Message Line
714-536-5974

or

Register online at
www.SurfCity-hb.org/CERT



Save-A-Life Saturday Schedule

The series consists of four classes that build on each other and ends with a disaster drill where you can practice what you have learned. Attend one class or all, but it is suggested you attend them in order for the greatest benefit.

Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness

March 20, 2010 7:45AM to 2:00PM Civic Center

Learn what threats Huntington Beach residents face, how the City will respond in a disaster, and how you can get your home, family, neighborhood, school and/or business prepared to respond to emergencies. **Lunch Provided**

Class 2: Disaster First Aid (Medical Ops I & II)

April 17, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Civic Center

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake, or other disasters, and the ABC's of disaster first aid. Additional topics include splints, slings, treating burns, impaled objects and shock. Learn how to triage disaster victims. **Lunch Provided**

Class 3: Disaster Living

May 15, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Civic Center

Learn how and where to set up an outdoor shelter in a disaster. Whether in your yard or at a park, you will have to care for yourself and neighbors until the Red Cross establishes indoor shelters. Learn skills such as tenting, outdoor cooking and sanitation. **Lunch Provided**

Class 4: Light Search & Rescue/Fire Suppression

June 19, 2010 7:45AM to 2:30PM Fire Training Center

Learn how to do a safety size-up, lift 1000+ pounds using simple leverage techniques, properly search for trapped victims, shore up an unsafe structure, and safely move the injured. Learn to use a fire extinguisher and put out a live fire, fire safety and prevention, how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Finish the class with a disaster drill that will test your newly acquired skills. **Lunch Provided**

Note: All students are required to become CPR certified. FireMed customers can take classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee. For a schedule call 800-400-4277.

Civic Center Address: 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, 92648

Fire Training Center Address: 18301 Gothard Street



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

2010 Save-a-Life Saturday CERT Class Schedule is available on our Website, www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT,

Upcoming Events

- February 20, 2010, 10:00am—2:00pm: Disaster Preparedness Expo 2010 at the Central Library
- March 4, 2010-6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members
- March 20, 2010—7:45am to 2:00pm; First Save-a-Life Saturday Class at HB Civic Center
- April 1, 2010-6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members

- Fire Med customers can take CPR classes for free and non-FireMed customers can take classes for a fee of \$35. Dates are listed below.

To enroll in CPR classes, call 800-400-4277. Class location is in HB area and exact location given at time of enrollment.

Saturday, February 13, from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesday, March 10, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

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Attention! If you want something placed in the Upcoming Events, e-mail Brevyn at bmettler@surfcity-hb.org

For those who do not receive the newsletter by email, you can go to the CERT website: www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT. In order to receive the email alert, click on newsletters, and then click on sign up for email alert. It's as simple as that!

For those of you who do not have computer access at home, we have made arrangements for you:

- Rodgers Senior Center at 1706 Orange Avenue, HB will print out a black and white copy for you.
- There will be a few copies outside the door to the EOC to which you are welcome.
- The Central Library has computer access for the public.



Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

MISSION STATEMENT:The mission of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is to provide information and training on disaster preparedness; provide leadership and coordination during an emergency, and assistance to help victims recover from an emergency.