

# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERT NEWSLETTER

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**CLASS 1**



### President's Message

By Judy Ann Morris

Hi, Everyone,

Thank you and congratulations to all our 2009 CERT Graduates for the dedication in completing the basic "Save a Life Saturday" training. I challenge all graduates to share your CERT knowledge in your neighborhood. You can augment your training by taking advance classes and joining a CERT Team. Join a team and help CERT support the community by helping others become disaster prepared.

Our classes are made possible by the partnership we have developed between the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the great CERT volunteers. Our goal is to make Huntington Beach one of the most prepared cities in the world. You are invited to join any team or teams and share your skills or learn new ones.

Booth Team  
Clerical Team  
Command Post Team  
Communication Team  
Cooking Team  
First Aid Team  
Light Search and Rescue Team  
Logistics Team  
Marketing Team  
Registration Team  
Sandbag Team  
Senior Response Team  
Shelter Team  
Speaker's Bureau

If you didn't sign up at that last class and you are interested, please email me at [jamorris189@yahoo.com](mailto:jamorris189@yahoo.com) and I will forward your interest to the proper CERT Team Leader.

### PREPAREDNESS CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER:

As you go about buying holiday gifts this year, please think about giving the gift of preparedness. Examples are: fire extinguishers, grab-n-go bags, water barrels, food supplies, cooking supplies, etc.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR THEIR GENEROSITY:

**Sunset Survival and First Aid** assembled and donated a \$20 value grab-n-go bag for each new CERT graduate in attendance on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The bags included:

Triosyn folding antimicrobial mask, Sani-Hands antimicrobial wipes, light-sticks, 400-calorie, Mayday food bar, Mayday survival water pouches, plus FEMA and Dept. of Homeland Security pamphlets

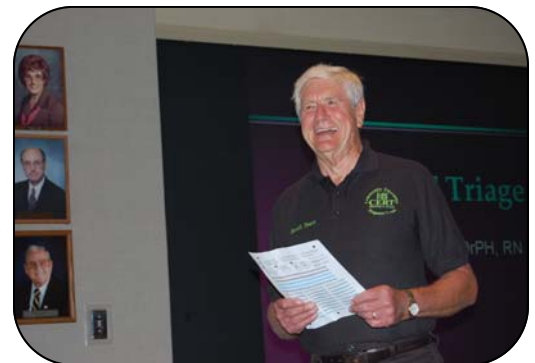
Thank you to Michael Depin, 2009 CERT graduate, for coordinating the above project.

**Sunset Survival and First Aid**, Michael Depin  
16835 Algonquin Street, #142  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
[www.sunsetsurvival.com](http://www.sunsetsurvival.com)  
714-369-8096

**Earthquake Management** has generously donated door prizes for all seven of our "Save-a-Life Saturday" classes for many years. They have given us everything from 3-day grab-n-go packs, honey buckets w/supplies, light-sticks, and so many other great prizes.

**Earthquake Management**, Sue Bonner  
15031 Golden West Circle  
Westminster, CA 92683  
[sue.eqmgt@earthlink.net](mailto:sue.eqmgt@earthlink.net)  
[www.earthquake-management.com](http://www.earthquake-management.com)  
800-925-9744 ext. 106

Thank you to both local businesses for such wonderful support to our CERT program.



Bill Worth, 2009 DSW Manager.

## 2009 Graduation and Awards Ceremony



On September 19, 2009 the CERT Graduation and Awards Ceremony was held at the Council Chambers. We'd like to thank our special guests:

Fire Department Chief Duane Olson has been a great supporter of the CERT and RACES programs. This is his last year with the Fire Department and he will be retiring after 39 years of service. The CERT and RACES organizations will miss him!

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Green is an active CERT graduate and First Aid Trainer. Cathy has been active with CERT for about nine years.

Brevyn Mettler is our HB CERT Coordinator and Assistant Emergency Services Coordinator.



### **Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates:**

Gracie Becerra	Diane Rosenberg
Jessie Becerra	Laura Rosenberg
John Beeson	Leslie Ross
Tyler Burke	Gordon Rozen
Kay Bush	Virginia Rozen
Sam Bush	Larry Sheppard
Martha Delamore	Sheryl Sheppard
Michael Depin	Robert Simmons
JoAnn Diaz	Noreen Swiontek
Dianne Farmer	Austin Thompson
Judie Freeman	Brian Thompson
John Hennessy	Jaime "Jay" Thompson
Chad Hicks-Beach	Justin Thompson
Mary Hilger	Steve Tozier
Gerald Kelly	Alison Kay Trotman
M. Kassie Kessinger	Shirley Uralman
Peg Klinck	Kathryn Vogel
Armand Litten	Danielle Willis
Debbie Loehner	Patricia Willis
Ray Loehner	Daryl Willis, Jr.
Anne Northcliff	Darlene Wilson
Margie Price	Matt Winger
Shirley Rebai	Chris Wolfe
Michael Reyes	Sherrie Wolfe
Marion "Jo" Reynolds	Erwyn Wong
Rosemary Reynolds	Max Wood
Phil Robinson	Steve Wright
William Rose	



## 2009 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

### Special Recognition of the 2008 Freeway Complex Fire Volunteers



Al Collins	Nick Spagnoli
Billie Brandon	Peter Petrelis
Carol Burtis	Richard Batistelli
Ed Klotz	Roy Alzua
Joe Tom	Sam Campolito
Kathryn Lui	Virginia Petrelis
Miriam Daugherty	Judy Ann Morris

### Rising Stars Award:

These are people who have taken on new duties or have taken advanced training during the year in order to contribute more to their community.



Paul LaGreek (200 hrs)	Carol Nohls
Valerie Jordan (Our new First Aid Team Leader)	Cheryl Matsunga
Art Weiland	Brad Matsunga
Graceila Becerra (100 hrs)	Bob McElhiney
Paige Roush	Steve Yamashita
	Traci Hughes

### Movers & Shakers Award:

These are individuals who MAKE IT HAPPEN and make themselves available whenever possible. You might not know their names but if you have attended the Save-A-Life Saturday classes, you know their faces.



Noreen Yoshida-Peer	Keith Herstein
Karen Peters	Cheryl Herstein
Judy Durante	Elizabeth Martin
Linda Vircks	Heidi Palikan
Judi Fagan	

### Team of the Year Award:

Fifteen years ago, before the use of computers, the CERT Newsletter Team manually cut, pasted and assembled the newsletter for mailing to readers. Today the newsletter subscription is approximately 3500 readers.

**Thank you for your many years of service!**

Juanita Walker	Raji Shunmugavel
Juanita Foster	Harvey Levin
Steve Belich	Billie Kennedy
Bruce Bailey	Margie Warnitz
Ray Barak	Sue Watts
Patti Barak	

### Above and Beyond Award:

These are CERT members who always say "yes" when special projects are announced and always follow through.



Karin Reed	Richard Batistelli
Miriam Daugherty	

## 2009 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

### Super Star Award:

In every organization there are members who you can count on to do a job, even if it isn't in their job description. That is what our Super Stars are great at doing! They just step in and do what is necessary. The CERT organization cannot run without these willing Super Stars.



Virginia Petrelis, Joe Tom, Rev. Mother Barbara Benjamin

### First In--Last Out Award:

This is the team we have to recognize each year because they set up for our classes and any special events. This means they arrive for our "Save-A-Life Saturday" Classes at 6:30 a.m. and many times do not leave until after 1:00 p.m. Thank you members of our Logistics Team:

Ron Roth, Team Leader	Karin Reed
Cecil Wright	Marshall Shipley
Peter Petrelis	Cherie Smith (130 hours)
Bill Worth	Linda Vircks
Al Collins	Manny Vizinho
Joe Tom	John Fort
Tom Cooper	Tara Twitty
Roy Alzua	Karen Martin
Richard Batistelli	Anna Pinter
Jon Erickson	

### CERT Volunteer Trainer of the Year Award:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Green

Cathy has been an instructor on the First Aid Team for nine years and even with her busy City Council schedule she always attends CERT planning meetings and spends a Saturday teaching either triage or wound care and then returns to evaluate students in First Aid.

### Heart of CERT Award:

What is the Heart of CERT? These are folks who have won every CERT award and continue to contribute and provide leadership. These are the long time leaders and the over achievers of CERT.



Dick White  
Barbara Beck  
Billie Brandon  
Kim Louie  
Donna Stefferud  
Phil Burtis  
Esther Whitton  
John Fort  
Steve Belich  
Ron Roth (130 hours)

Carol Burtis (155 hours)  
Cecil Wright (156 hours)  
Juanita Walker (189 hrs)  
Virginia Petrelis (410 hrs)  
Tara Twitty (421 hours)  
Anna Pinter (436 hours)  
Bill Worth (439 hours)  
Peter Petrelis (593 hrs)  
Judy Ann Morris (1252 hrs)

### Surf City CERT/City Trainers Award:

Thank you to HB Fire Department Truck 45 C-Shift who have taught cribbing and leverage during our Light Search and Rescue Class for the last two years. Chief Olson accepts award for Truck 45.



## 2009 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

### Class Organizer of the Year Award: Tara Twitty



Thanks to Tara for making the “impossible” possible when she organized the outdoor Disaster Living Class. She lead a very challenging project: setting up a safe and sanitary shelter, and showing how to cook (all inside the Council Chambers). She made this class an outstanding success.

### CERT Volunteer Trainer of the Year Award: Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Green

Cathy has been an instructor on the First Aid Team for nine years. Even with her busy City Council schedule, she always attends CERT planning meetings and spends a Saturday teaching either triage or wound care and then returns again to evaluate students in First Aid.

### Outreach Instructor of the Year Award: Al Collins (416 hours)



Al Collins has never said “no” when asked to present Light Search and Rescue programs directly to HB neighborhood meetings. Thank you, Al, for sharing your knowledge and skills with the residents of Huntington Beach!

### Founders’ Award: Phil & Carol Burtis and Juanita Walker



This award recognizes members who work behind the scenes. Huntington Beach CERT is grateful to them not only for their years of service but to the great contributions they continuously make to the program.

### Management Team Volunteer of the Year Award: Cecil Wright



Cecil is being recognized his work with the Command Post Team and rewriting the check lists for each position. This made our training so much more effective this year.

### City EOC Volunteer of the Year Award: Kim Louie



Kim has been with CERT for many years and is our database administrator. She puts in countless behind the scene hours managing the data base, tracking grads and preparing certificates. She’s the ultimate resource for CERT.



## 2009 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

**Most Inspirational Award:** Roy Alzua (163 hours)



Roy has been with CERT for about four years. This year he took over the Booth Team with energy and dedication. This team sets up public information booths at the Farmers' Market, many fairs and public events throughout the year.

**Most Valuable Person Award:** Peter Petrelis



Peter is the 2009 First Vice President. He is leading our Communication Color Team and has been the coordinator of HB volunteers who worked at the Irvine Regional Park fire command post. He is assigned to the EOC as volunteer coordinator during any activation requiring volunteers. He is on the Logistics, Clerical, Command Post, Newsletter, Cooking, Communications, Search and Rescue and Shelter Teams.

**The Dick White "Partners in Preparedness" Award:** John Fort



The Dick White Award was set up to honor our CERT members who remember the reason CERT was formed--not only to be of service to the City of HB but to teach our neighborhoods the necessary skills to survive on their own until the professionals can reach them. One of the most important skills for a neighborhood to find is someone with a HAM radio for communication. John has been with CERT for ten years, leads the Communication Team and has taught our HAM classes. He has made countless neighborhoods safer and better prepared for any disaster. Thank you, John!

**JOB WELL DONE! Special Thanks to the CERT Cooking Team for the many hours spent preparing the delicious lunch!**





# CERT Graduation Lunch



**Upcoming Events**

- **November 5, 2009-6:00pm: Management Meeting in the EOC open to all HB CERT Members**
  - **There will not be a Management Team Meeting in December**
- \* 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.

Saturday, November 21, from 9:30am to 12:30pm  
Wednesday, December 9, 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](mailto:bmettler@surfcity-hb.org)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE--City of Huntington Beach and CERT are "Going Green," Newsletter by Email Only**

For those of you who currently receive our newsletter by email, there will be little change. You will receive an email alert and there will be a hyperlink to the CERT website when the latest newsletter is available on-line.

For those who do not receive the newsletter by email, you can go to the CERT website: [www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT](http://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.

This change in our program will allow us to direct our resources toward CERT training and public education.

You can view the newsletter via the internet at [www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/CERT)

**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.

