KEEP AN EYE OUT:

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SMCFD CERT SOP

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) revision for San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department CERT is finally complete!

All SMC Fire CERT members should read it, and Sign the SOP Agreement by October 9, 2020.


HYBRID CERT

We don’t want to let COVID-19 keep us from furthering our training and helping build a culture of preparedness in our community. We are starting our fall CERT Core Course next Wednesday, September 9th as a “hybrid.” Students will take the classroom portion online, they’ll have a live Zoom meeting weekly, and when it is safe - and under strict protocols - we’ll do a hands-on Skills Day.

Registration for this Hybrid CERT Course is open at: www.smcfire.eventbrite.com

Two surveys underway. One for CERTs via SMC Alert. The other is for ALL residents at www.smcfire.org - click on National Preparedness Month box.
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is here and the theme is: Disasters Don't Plan. Make Your Plan Today. If you have friends or family who have not been able to take the CERT Core Course, be sure they know about the CERT Hybrid Course that we're offering starting on September 9th. For those who can't commit to an 8-week course of study, there's also the Get Ready class - which is a free 2-hour basic preparedness class. Registration for both Hybrid CERT and Get Ready is free at: www.smcfire.eventbrite.com

Also - we have NATIONAL CERT WEEK from September 21st through 27th. We'll celebrate with a Continuing Ed (CE) class for you - our CERT members! This class on Urban Search and Rescue, will be on Tuesday, September 22nd and will be led by CERT member Cindy Bertsch. Cindy has extensive experience with the Sheriff's Search & Rescue team, as well as CERT activations. You'll get tips on what to expect, what type of SAR activities CERT might be asked to help with, and how to prepare. Registration for this CE class is done on Neon. The class itself will be on Zoom, and everyone who is registered will get an email the day before the class, with the link.

Social Media: Be sure to follow our new Twitter handle - @SMCFDCERT. We'll be posting preparedness and CERT items there regularly.

Neon - our CERT database - is where CERT members register for classes. It is also how we reach you, so please be sure your "profile" is up to date. To log onto Neon: www.smcfire.org/cert Scroll down and click on "Member Login."

UPCOMING:

Sept. 3 - Launch of new @SMCFDCERT Twitter page. Please follow us!
Sept. 9 - Launch of SMCFD Hybrid CERT Course
Sept. 11 - 9/11 Memorial
Sept. 17 - Get Ready! class Your friends can register at: www.smcfire.eventbrite.com
Sept. 21 - 27 - National CERT Week!
Sept. 22 - CE Class on Urban SAR. Register via Neon.
Oct. 4 - 10 - Fire Prevention Week. Virtual activities for all!
Oct. 13 - CE Class on Disaster Psychology

Pack face coverings and disinfectants in your emergency kit

Hot Weather Ahead!
The forecast calls for a heat wave this Labor Day holiday weekend. Please plan ahead for possible power outages and heat:
- Freeze some bottles of water (don't fill them all the way, leave room to expand)
- Charge all your devices.
- Hydrate! Give your body what it needs to stay cool and healthy.
- Take a cool shower during the day.
- Plan meals that don't require using the stove or oven.
- Check on neighbors & family members.
- Be mindful of pets, & bare paws.