



Redondo Beach

Community Emergency Response Team

Alumni Association

RBCERTAA

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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, August 26th – L.A. County Invite (see below)

Saturday, August 29th – FCC Technician Test 10AM (see below)

Tuesday, September 1st – RBCERTAA Board Meeting

Billy's Deli - 190th & Anza, MEETING AT **6:30PM, Socializing starting at 6PM**

Wednesday, September 9th – Citizen's Police Academy

Thursday, September 10th – RB CERT Classes Start

Friday, September 11th – Display your flag in memory/honor

Sunday, September 20th – Redondo Beach Dodger Day

Thursday, October 15th – Southern California Shakeout & RBCERTAA Event

Notes from Sandy's Desk: Lots happening in the last couple of weeks. The Redondo Beach City Council approved on August 4th the donation of a retired RBFV vehicle to the RBCERTAA. We are currently working on the finalization of the transfer. At the same council meeting the Council voted to open discussion on the viability of combining the Redondo Beach & Hermosa Beach Fire Department.

At the recent city council meeting (August 18th) the council approved a resolution to enter into a mutual aid agreement between the cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lomita and Torrance for disaster assistance provided by trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers.

Class 41 will be starting on September 10th. Please check with friends and neighbors about taking the class. The best way to get someone interested in by telling of your own experience.

Board Meetings: The monthly meetings at Billy's Deli are **open to all RB CERT alumni**. We encourage each of you to attend the meetings. **We currently have one opening** on the board for anyone wishing to take a leadership role. However, you do not need to be on the board to attend the meetings. The **RBCERTAA** can be what you make of it!

RB CERT Classes Enrollment Open: Please let your friends, neighbors, and business associates know that enrollment for Class 41 is now open. This 8-week program will start on September 10th. Topics covered are: Disaster Preparedness, CPR, First Aid, Light Search & Rescue, Terrorism Preparedness, Disaster Psychology, Team Organization and a disaster simulation. Applications for enrollment can be found www.rbcertaa.org/ or by calling (310) 318-0663.

RBCERTAA CPR/FIRST Aid Renewals: Alumni members please check your expiration dates on your first aid and CPR cards. If you need to renew you can do so by attending the following dates at the CERT class: September 24th – CPR, October 1st and 8th – First Aid. **These dates are subject to change so please confirm your attendance and the date by calling (310) 318-0663.** Additionally, let's keep in mind that it would be nice to bring something to the buffet dinner as we are additional people attending on those nights.

Banner Announcing CERT Classes: The official unveiling of

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the new 30-foot banner will be on Monday, August 24th. The two-sided, 30 foot banner will be displayed above Inglewood and Artesia for a two week period.

Updating Alumni Information: We are updating information on RBCERTAA members. The reason for asking for city council district is to see what areas of the city we have member coverage. It the event of a disaster this could be very beneficial.

We would like you to respond by email to RBCERTAA@aol.com with the following information:

- 1) Name
 - 2) Email address
 - 3) Phone numbers (home, work, cel, which ever numbers you wish to provide)
 - 4) Address or nearest cross streets to your home
 - 5) CPR expiration date and First Aid Expiration date Or Indicate Need Renewal
 - 6) Council District number (see website for districts)
- http://www.redondo.org/depts/council/district_maps.asp



New Board Members:

Monty Ruth and Bob Kumler were sworn in at the August 4th meeting. Monty has been an active CERT member for many years and we all appreciate Bob Kumler's work on keeping the website updated.

Dodger Days: Sunday, September 20th at 1:10PM will be Dodger Day for Redondo Beach. It will be the Dodger vs. Giants. **A website will be up shortly** www.Dodgers.com/RedondoBeach **Please click on RBCERTAA at the site** to order tickets. The tickets are at a reduced price and RBCERTAA will receive a donation for the purchase. All levels of seating are available.

Reverse 911: Los Angeles has implemented a new emergency mass notification system ('reverse 911') that can be used to notify residents and businesses in very specific geographic areas of critical situations and provide information regarding the necessary action to take. The system is TTY/TDD compatible. It uses the 911 phone number database to make the calls. All 'landline' numbers are already included in this database. If you have Voice over IP (VoIP) or a cell phone and wish to be included you can register your phone number at <http://www.alert.lacounty.gov> Note that the phone must be associated with a single street address. You will be notified only if that address is within the geographic area being contacted.



Citizen's Police Academy: The Redondo Beach Police Department will be hosting the 31st Citizen Police Academy starting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

The first Redondo Beach Citizen Police Academy began in the Spring of 1994. The goal of the program is to provide members of the community with a working knowledge of the Police department along with the roles and responsibilities of its members. This is accomplished through lecture, hands-on training, demonstrations and a ride-along with a Police Officer.

The class consists of fourteen sessions over twelve Wednesday nights and two Saturdays mornings. Topics include Police training, S.W.A.T., traffic enforcement, criminal investigation, K-9, gangs and narcotics. A graduation for the attendees is held at the conclusion of the class.

To obtain an application, log onto www.redondo.org/police or contact Community Police Officer Ian Miesen at ian.miesen@redondo.org or 310-379-2477 x 1-2493.

FCC Technician Test –

Date: August 29th at 10AM, Cost: \$14

Location: Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., RPV

L.A. County Invite: Wednesday, August 26, 2009

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

BATTALIONS 1, 2, & 7 CERT COMMUNITY MEETING

EMS Battalion Captain Scott will discuss how the current reduction in fire department staffing could potentially impact the use of CERT. Focus will be placed on a scenario involving a Metro Rail emergency at the 7th Street & Figueroa station requiring the activation of CERT Call-Out Teams.

Even if you are not on a call-out team this exercise will illustrate how CERT reacts and organizes locally for any disaster.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit new Fire Station #4 this will be an opportunity to do so. Fire Station #4 is a HAZMAT Task Force and also the Battalion 1 headquarters. It is located at 450 East Temple St., L.A. 90012. The nearest cross street is Alameda.

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