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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Wireless "EMERGENCY ALERT" Messages

ALERTS RECEIVED AT THE RIGHT TIME CAN HELP KEEP YOU SAFE DURING AN EMERGENCY.

Wireless Emergency Alerts- (WEA) warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way, without need to download an app or subscribe to a service.

What are WEA messages?
Wireless Emergency Alerts are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier.

What types of alerts will I receive?

Extreme weather, and other **threatening emergencies** in your area **AMBER Alerts** and **Presidential Alerts during a national emergency.**

What does a WEA message look like?

WEA will look like a text message. The message will show the type & time of the alert, any action you should take, and the agency issuing the alert. The message will be no more than 90 characters.

How will I know the difference between WEA and a regular text message?

WEA messages include a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice.

What types of WEA messages will the National Weather Service send?

Weather Related Warnings
Rain, Flash Flood ,Hurricane, Typhoon, Dust Storm and Extreme Wind Warnings



What are AMBER Alerts?

AMBER Alerts are urgent bulletins issued in the most serious child-abduction cases.

The America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Program is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies, and the wireless industry.

Who will send WEAs to issue AMBER Alerts?

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), in coordination with State and Local public safety officials, sends out AMBER Wireless Emergency Alerts through IPAWS.

What should I do when I receive a WEA message?

Follow any action advised by the message. Seek more details from local media or authorities.

When will I start receiving WEA messages?

It depends. WEA capabilities were available beginning in April 2012, but many mobile devices, especially older ones, are not WEA-capable. When you buy a new mobile device, it probably will be able to receive WEA messages.



Is this the same service public safety agencies have asked the public to register for? No, but they are **complementary**. Local agencies may have asked you to sign up to receive telephone calls, text messages, or emails. Those messages often include specific details about a critical event. WEAs are very short messages designed to get your attention in a critical situation. They may not give all the details you receive from other notification services.

Will I be charged for receiving WEA messages? No. This service is offered for free by wireless carriers. WEA messages will not count towards texting limits on your wireless plan.

Does WEA know where I am? Is it tracking me? No. Just like emergency weather alerts you see on local TV, WEAs are broadcast from area cell towers to mobile devices in the area. Every WEA-capable phone within range receives the message, just like TV that shows the emergency weather alert if it is turned on. But, the TV stations, like WEA, don't know exactly who is tuned in.

Will a WEA message interrupt my phone conversations? No, the alert will be delayed until you finish your call.

How often will I receive WEA messages?

You may get very few WEA messages, or you may receive frequent messages when conditions change during an emergency. The number of messages depends on the number of imminent threats to life or property in your area.

If, during an emergency, I can't make or receive calls or text messages due to network congestion, will I still be able to receive a WEA message? Yes, WEA messages are not affected by network congestion.

What if I don't want to receive WEA messages?

You can opt-out of receiving WEA messages for imminent threats and AMBER alerts, but not for Presidential messages. To opt out, adjust settings on your mobile device.

How will I receive alerts if I don't have a WEA-capable device?

WEA is only one of the ways you receive emergency alerts. Other sources include NOAA Weather Radio, news broadcasts, the Emergency Alert System on radio and TV programs, outdoor sirens, and other alerting methods offered by local and state public safety agencies.

***SOURCE:** www.ready.gov/alerts



CONGRATULATIONS RIVERSIDE CITY EMPLOYEES CERT CLASS # 57 - FEBRUARY 2015



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Leonard Albano, Antoinette Alexander, Lilliana Alvarez, Josue Balderrama, Jay Brown, Gabbi Cao, Ed Cortez, Elena DeStefano, Ben Esseling, Abigail Gomez, Brenda Gonzales, Isabel Guzman, Gary Hironimus, Steven Howard, Lauren Leinz, Karen McCoy, Irma Ochoa, Kenneth Olson, Jerry Ozeta, Joe Perry, Hung Pham, Kirsten Rosales, Kim Sabatello, Crystal Sanchez, Robyn Shively, Rigoberto Tejeda, Michael Torelli, Ron Wigg, Tracie Wilczynski

Thanks CERT "VICTIMS": Chris Acosta, Greg Crouch, Larry Hernandez, Kaye Powley
CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez



Joe Perry & Karen McCoy conduct Triage "victims" Ken Olsen, Steven Howard & Jay Brown



CERT Participants use Team work and good communication to lower "victim" Chris Acosta



CERT 57 Begin their Final Drill Disaster Scenario



RIVERSIDE CITY EMPLOYEES CERT CLASS # 57 - FEBRUARY 2015



Isabel Guzman, Jerry Ozeta, Hung Pham, Josue Balderrama, Antoinette Alexander make a list of items in a Disaster Supply Kit.



Lauren Leinz uses the PASS System to extinguish the Fire



Ron Wigg & Michael Torelli practice extinguishing a Fire



CERT Rescuers Kirsten Rosales & Crystal Sanchez rescue "victim" Kaye Powley From a dark warehouse



CERT CPR & AED CERTIFICATION

On Sat. Feb 21, RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE CERT MEMBERS RECEIVED Adult, Child and Infant -CPR & AED CERTIFICATION by Fire Capt. John Peurifoy & Gina Perez. This training is offered to Riverside CERT Volunteers who are active in our CERT program who volunteer for CERT activities & special assignments throughout the year.



CONGRATULATIONS; CHRIS ACOSTA, CAROL & GREG CROUCH, ANA GARCIA, ANDREA PRICE, ANGELINA ROBLES, MARY & MARTIN SWANSON, MARY VAN DOREN

RECOGNIZING AND TREATING SHOCK

In emergency medicine, airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock are "killers." The first priority of medical operations is to attend to those potential killers by:

- ◆ Opening the airway.
- ◆ Controlling excessive bleeding.
- ◆ Treating for shock.

We usually can tell when someone isn't breathing or is bleeding, but **recognizing and treating shock is sometimes overlooked.**

Shock is a disorder resulting from ineffective circulation of blood. Remaining in shock will lead to the death of:

- ◆ Cells;
- ◆ Tissues; and
- ◆ Entire organs.

The body will initially compensate for blood loss and mask the symptoms of shock. Therefore, it is important to continually evaluate patients for shock and monitor their condition.



The main signs of shock that CERT members should look for are:

- ◆ Rapid and shallow breathing;
- ◆ **Capillary refill* of greater than 2 seconds;**
- ◆ Failure to follow simple commands, such as, "Squeeze my hand;" and
- ◆ Changes in skin color.

Although victims who are suffering from shock may be thirsty, they **should not eat or drink anything.** They may also be nauseated.

**Capillary refill is how long it takes for the color to return; this is called the —Blanch Test.*

Procedures for Controlling Shock

Step	Action
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lay the victim on his or her back. ◆ Elevate the feet 6-10 inches above the level of the heart. ◆ Maintain an open airway.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Control obvious bleeding.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Maintain body temperature (e.g., cover the ground and the victim with a blanket if necessary).
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Avoid rough or excessive handling unless the rescuer and victim are in immediate danger.

CERT ADV. TRAINING - SANDBAGGING

On Wed. Feb. 18, CERT Instructors- FIRE CAPT. JOHN PEURIFOY, PETER SELLAS & GINA PEREZ provided training on how to fill sandbags safely and efficiently and



how they should be stacked to provide the best protection. Sandbags filled by CERT



Coleen Jacklin - Monica Burrola, Ray Gayton-Jacob, Chris Acosta, Catherine Hendon, Julie Lindsay, Anna Haudren, Nancy Walker, Margo Miley, Debbie Gonzalez, Linda Cummings, Ray Hicks, Bette Hicks, David Bell, Jeremy Subriar, Larry Hernandez, Julie Lindsay

Volunteers will be available for incidents that occur in our city, THANKS TO ALL CERT MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED AND FILLED LOTS OF SAND BAGS!

CERT ADV. TRAINING - WILDERNESS SEARCH BASICS/ CERT DEPLOYMENT



On Sat. March 28, CERT Members received instruction on **Activation / Deployment Procedures, Wilderness Search Basics, Safety Practices and Equipment**



that may be needed in a Search. Emergency Services Manager TONY COLETTA and K-9 Search Specialist PETER SELLAS discussed CERT Deployment & Search Equipment Inventory Checklists. The training was concluded with an



outdoor exercise on line and other searches and how to maintain our **Safety, First, Last and Always!**

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!

CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 58 - MARCH 2015



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Nina Acosta, Francisco Alfaro, Bryce Arie, Landy Aviles, Carol Bell, David Bell, Andrew Bird, Andy Contreras, Deb Croan, Brandon Duffield, Cindy Finley, Mark Fox, Matthew Fuller, Oscar Gonzalez, Victor Marin, Regina Miller, Al Palacio, Milton Peraza, Gloria Quinones, Albert Raper, Kailee Stool, Jamie Stool, Frances Tabor, Alysia Webb

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CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Operations Administrator Tony Coletta, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez



CERT Incident Commander Frances Tabor provides an update of the incident during the Final Drill Disaster Scenario to Capt. John Peurifoy



CERT Instructor Fire Capt. Lisa Holloway demonstrates how to tie a sling during the CERT Disaster Medical Training class



Thanks for helping with check-in
CERT Member Anna Hauldren



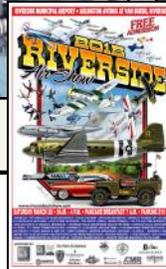
Riverside Airport Airshow - Promoting Readiness



Edwin ,Catherine , Margo , Phyllis, Paul , Omar
Seated: Joe and Nick



Lisa , Edwin, Margo, Diane , Joe, and Jeremy



Marlene Odebralski, Jim Weaver, Ed Morgan,



Rudy Moreno, Nick Bejarano

Airshow at the Riverside Municipal Airport. **Riverside City Fire CERT Volunteers** encouraged attendees to become **Riverside Ready** by putting together emergency supply kits and CERT Volunteers also registered lots of people for the May CERT Basic Course. Riverside County Amateur Radio groups joined us and displayed radio equipment and explained how important communication will be following a disaster.

Thank you CERT Volunteers !

Over 80,000 people attended the 2015 Annual Riverside

Extinguishing Fires and Storing Water

Experts at the US Geological Survey say the **two most needed resources** to help survive a major earthquake: a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** to put out small fires that spread quickly and enough stored **WATER** to drink.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

When possible, use the "buddy system;" have someone back you up when using a fire extinguisher. If in doubt about a situation, leave immediately, and close off the area (close the doors, but **DO NOT** lock them). Leave the building, dial 911, and relay information about the fire.

To use a fire extinguisher, USE the PASS method:

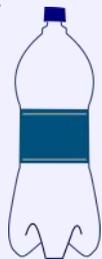
- ◆ Pull the pin
- ◆ Aim low
- ◆ Squeeze the lever
- ◆ Sweep side-to-side

Do not walk in an area that you have "extinguished" in case the fire reignites or the extinguisher material runs out! You usually can't expect more than 10 full seconds of extinguishing materials from a typical unit.

WATER

Store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least 5 to 7 days for drinking. Once opened, use it.

Make sure the water storage container you use is of food grade quality with a tight fitting screw-cap lid. Milk containers are not recommended; they do not seal well. Do not continue to store water for a length of time after opening.



If you plan to store retail bottled water, keep water in its original sealed container and try to replace every six months for freshness.

SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

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**Community Emergency Response Team
20-Hour Basic Course Training
MAY 2015**

Community Emergency Response Team
(CERT) 20 Hour Basic Course
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center
Dates: ♦ May 1, Fri. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
♦ May 2, Sat. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
♦ May 3, Sun. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Must attend all dates for

FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK
Online Registration at:
<http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx>
Course fee \$15.00.

**CERT ADVANCED TRAINING
RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only**

CERT Adv. Training- **TEAM ORGANIZATION**
MAY 20, Wed. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

**CERT Adv. Training- RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AT:
HAM RADIO FIELD DAY EVENT**
JUNE 27, Saturday
TIME TBA

Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park
5759 Jurupa Ave, Riverside, Ca 92504

**CERT BBQ IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Register online for CERT Adv. Trainings
www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/

**CERT Volunteers Needed
12th ANNUAL SENIOR
CONFERENCE**

MAY 14, Thursday
GOESKE SENIOR CENTER
5257 SIERRA ST.

CERT/ Emergency Prep Booth - **SHIFTS**
Shift #1 - 7:30 am to 10:00 am
Shift #2 - 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
To volunteer contact Gina Perez
directly at : gperez@riversideca.gov

April 2015

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June 2015

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Have you moved or changed your email address or phone number?



Give us a call (951.320.8112) or send
Gina Perez an email
(gperez@riversideca.gov) and update
your contact information.