**#WinterReady: Best Practices for CERT Volunteers**

Please join FEMA’s Individual and Community Preparedness Division, the Ready Campaign, and the National CERT Association on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 2 – 3 p.m. ET for a winter preparedness webinar. The webinar is an opportunity to share best practices, lessons learned, and tips to prepare communities to be #WinterReady.

The webinar will feature a panel of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) subject matter experts. FEMA Ready staff will also share resources and information available on the new Ready.gov #WinterReady webpage. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentations.

Register for the webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certwinterready2023/event/registration.html>.

Questions in advance of the webinar may be emailed to [FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov).

**Post 2023 National CERT Conference Webinar Series**

The National CERT Association (NCA), in partnership with FEMA Region 2 and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will be hosting a series of webinars highlighting popular presentations from the 2023 National CERT Conference. These webinars will be hosted by FEMA Region 2 and will be recorded and made available on the FEMA preparedness webinar portal at: [Preparedness Webinars Website](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/preparedness-webinars).

Who should attend? Anyone interested or involved in managing a CERT program and/or providing CERT training.

Participants will need to register for each webinar independently. The Registration link is listed at the end of each webinar description.

Webinars are hosted on the Adobe Connect Platform. Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm) before the meeting. To avoid technical difficulties, it is recommended that participants download and use the Adobe Connect App.

Webinars will be recorded and made available on FEMA’s Preparedness portal at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/preparedness-webinars>.

This event will include live captioning. If you need additional accommodations, please email [fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov).

Sign up for the FEMA Region 2 Preparedness email list here:  [http://bit.ly/R2PrepBulletin](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FR2PrepBulletin&data=05%7C02%7CSuuVa.Tai%40CalOES.ca.gov%7C52c100d346b246b8f96908dc001d77c1%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638385373831419320%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p%2Fuy04wHcPeQPzungXRRSS9ouYf7XQYR1oKEdrFIeDU%3D&reserved=0)

Sign up for the 2024 National CERT Conference email list here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024NationalCERTConferenceEmailList>

Learn more about the National CERT Association here: <https://nationalcert.org/>.

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| **CERT Call Out and Deployment Procedures**  ***Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern.***  *Presented by Captain II Rico Gross, Los Angeles City Fire Department (CA) and Captain Brandon Tom, San Francisco City Fire Department (CA).*  Many CERT programs have deployed their CERT Volunteers for various emergency and disaster response activities. This presentation discusses the CERT Call out and Deployment procedures utilized by the Los Angeles City Fire Department and San Francisco City Fire Department.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certcallout2024/event/event_info.html> |

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| **CERT Code of Conduct**  **and what if you need to Fire a Volunteer?**  ***Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern.***  *Presented by Captain II Rico Gross, Los Angeles City Fire Department (CA) and Captain Brandon Tom, San Francisco City Fire Department (CA).*  CERT Volunteers can be a blessing or a burden. This presentation will discuss the importance of a Code of Conduct for CERT Volunteers and how to properly manage, discipline, and dismiss a CERT volunteer if necessary.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certcodeofconduct/event/event_info.html> |

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| **How to plan and execute a**  **CERT Exercise Competition/Rodeo**  ***Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern.***  *Presented by Kyle Trambley, City of Oakland Fire Department (CA), Captain Brandon Tom, San Francisco City Fire Department (CA), and Vladimir Hidrovo-Alban, Fort Bend County Homeland Security and Emergency management (TX).*  The 2023 National CERT Conference included a CERT Exercise Competition, also commonly referred to as a CERT Rodeo. The planning and execution of one of these events is not an easy one but can be tremendously rewarding for all CERT programs involved and their CERT Volunteers. During this presentation, the presenters will discuss how to effectively plan and execute this type of event, including lessons learned and best practices.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certrodeo2024/event/event_info.html> |
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| **CERT Volunteers and the EOC**  ***Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern.***  *Presented Yolanda McGlinchey, California Office of Emergency Services (CA).*  Santa Barbara City and County (California) has utilized CERT volunteers to support EOC operations. This presentation will discuss the roles that CERT volunteers can play and the types of training CERT volunteers should receive to help them succeed in the EOC environment.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certeoc2024/event/event_info.html> |

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| **How to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging**  ***Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern.***  *Presented by Michael Davis, Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CT).*  This session introduces a variety of methods and how to utilize various types of instructors to enhance the learning environment within a CERT program. Participants will be able to discuss how to create and deliver training presentations with well structured, easy-to-read slides, and encourage active participation during the whole learning experience.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certfun2024/event/event_info.html> |

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| **Animal Sheltering During Disasters**  **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, *10:00am to 11:30am pacific, 1:00pm to 2:30pm eastern***  *Presented by Kathleen Winkelman, Sacramento CERT Program (CA).*  During a disaster, many survivors are separated from their animals. Animal shelters can be a major operation during a disaster response. In this presentation, participants will learn about Animal Shelter Operations and how to care for animals belonging to disaster evacuees.  Click to register for this webinar: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/animalsheltering2024/event/event_info.html> |