

Wagon Wheel

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Meeting Notes - 2023-07-02

Location	📍 Clocktower Coffee Roasting Company
Date/Time	Jul 2, 2023 / 9:05 am - 10:00 am
Who	Piazza Drive: Stuart Eichert , arm0002@gmail.com Athena Court: guillaume.ryder@gmail.com Walker Drive: matt.mathis@gmail.com

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

National CERT Skills Competition

Participants: Susan Goodis , matt.mathis@gmail.com , saulfaigen@gmail.com , guillaume.ryder@gmail.com and Nancy from Los Angeles

Our team did very well. Scored in the middle of the pack (about 50th percentile).

There were a variety of activities. We were #1 in a few categories.

Our team had to participate on the 1st day and in some cases the 1st slot.

This was a challenge because some of the instructions were not clear and the organizers had to figure out how to give reasonable hints.

The organizers will adjust the instructions in the future.

There were some equipment failures like a flame pan.

There is a new type of tourniquet: elastic band. Many EMTs use it as the first line of defense.

The Mountain View CERT Training needs to be updated for the new tourniquet type.

Our team learned that the standards for marking buildings have changed as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

During Katrina it was hard to get paint. Now CERTs use stickers and sharpies.

arm0002@gmail.com did his CERT training in 2019 (maybe 2020?) in Sunnyvale. He has learned something about tourniquets, but probably needs up to date training as well.

Nationwide, EMTs are frequently using elastic band tourniquets and writing the time on the patient's forehead.

Our team had trouble with cribbing. It was a very challenging setup. Matt had trouble with the lever. The lever was heavier than the board.

Our team scored 100% on radio activities. There was some confusion about the forms. Did not look like our standard form.

We were also 100% on emergency placards.

We had trouble with field search. The correct procedure is like doing a Foreign Object Debris (FOD) walk on a field. Everyone lines up in a rank and takes one step at a time. Our team was a little haphazard.

CERT Grant Accounting

Susan Goodis submitted some receipts, but they were rejected. Susan Goodis and matt.mathis@gmail.com will figure this out.

We need to get:

- Binoculars
- Waterproof paper
- Elastic band tourniquets
- Electronic flares
- Headlamp flashlights (multiple per search and rescue bag)

arm0002@gmail.com asks if we need to replace anything in the shed – stuff that expires. Examples are:

- Bandages
- Medications
- Neosporin

Brief reminder that some people are allergic to some ingredients in medications. Always have consent before aiding someone.

CERT Kit check

arm0002@gmail.com is interested in doing a CERT kit check with other team members. Wants to make sure he isn't missing anything. arm0002@gmail.com also mentioned the Motorola T800 and Talkabout app.

Stuart Eichert downloaded and installed the Talkabout app on his iPhone. Can use in a emergency to transmit our location to other team members.

Radio Check

[FCC Information on CB / FRS / GMRS / LPRS](#)

Track Volunteer Hours

A reminder to track our volunteer hours in [the spreadsheet](#).