

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2021
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Business Services Report**

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING FOR WATERFRONT TENANTS

The Business Services Division is currently working with the City's Emergency Services Manager, Yoli McGlinchey, to arrange and conduct a free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for Waterfront tenants similar to what was offered in the fall of 2018.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact the local area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations.

The program, which includes 24 hours of instruction, includes the following topic areas:

- **Disaster Preparedness**
Addresses hazards specific to the local community. Materials cover actions that participants and their families take before, during and after a disaster as well as an overview of CERT and local laws governing volunteers.
- **Fire Suppression**
Covers fire chemistry, hazardous materials, fire hazards and fire suppression strategies. However, the emphasis of this session is the safe use of fire extinguishers, controlling utilities and extinguishing a small fire.
- **Medical Operations Part I**
Participants practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques.
- **Medical Operations Part II**
Covers evaluating patients by doing a head to toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area and performing basic first aid.
- **Light Search and Rescue Operations**
Participants learn about search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques and rescuer safety.

- **Psychology and Team Organization**
Covers signs and symptoms that might be experienced by the disaster victim and workers, and addresses CERT organization and management.
- **Course Review and Disaster Simulation**
Participants review and practice the skills that they have learned during the previous six sessions in a disaster activity.

Waterfront tenants (including their employees) interested in participating in the CERT program can contact Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager, at (805) 564-5525 or BBosse@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

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