

County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services

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2018 Winter Emergency Operations and Preparedness Workshop

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On October 25th, the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Emergency Services and Security Unit hosted the 2018 Winter Emergency Operations and Preparedness Workshop. This annual event informs external partners and stakeholders about the District's flood preparedness efforts going into the winter season. The workshop also brings in external presenters that share information about their preparedness and coordination activities. *(Photo at left: Alexander Gordon addresses workshop attendees)*

The District presentations included Emergency Services, Public Information, District Reservoir Operations, Watershed Field Operations, Flood Forecast and Warning System, and Sandbag Operations. External presentations were given

by the National Weather Service, California Conservation Core, Cal Fire, Department of Water Resource, County Office of Emergency Services, and Pacific Gas and Electric. Information booths were also set up by the District, American Red Cross, Santa Clara County Public Health, California Conservation Core, and Pacific Gas and Electric. This workshop illustrates internal and external preparedness efforts, which brings to the forefront how important it is to work together and support each other. Visit the SCVWD website to learn more about protecting homes, business and transportation networks from flooding: <https://www.valleywater.org/floodready>.

International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) holds Annual Conference Opportunities and Innovations in Emergency Management

Emergency managers from Santa Clara County, the U.S. and across the globe attended this conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Oct. 19-24. Topics included public-private partnerships, mitigation, critical infrastructure, supply chain management and how to go above and beyond when necessary due to multiple catastrophic events such as hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

"The conference experience was enhanced by the attendees' rich blend of backgrounds and fields of expertise, including GIS, psychology, and weather, which lent many valuable perspectives," said Vlad Ibarra, OES Senior Emergency Manager. "The theme of innovation was evident as we learned how these successive events have been leveraged to help improve and address issues that arise."

Vlad is pictured receiving his Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) designation, the highest honor for professional achievement available from the IAEM. Vlad joins 2,791 other emergency managers from around the world who have been approved for the designation since January, 1993.



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(Photo by Hugo Penafiel, CERT Photographer – Pictured is the CERT Subcommittee for the exercise)

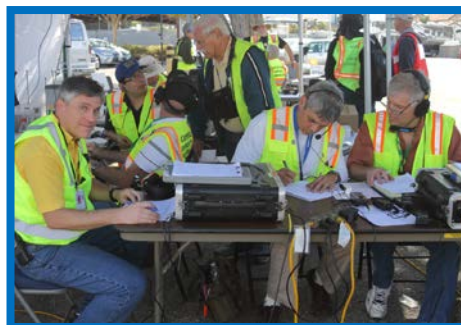
Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers were out in force at the countywide CERT emergency simulation on Saturday, October 27 at Moffett Field. A total of 91 participants from Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale participated in the daylong drill.

The exercise was a collaborative effort among the [Santa Clara County Emergency Managers' Association](#) (EMA), leaders from volunteer CERT Programs, and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)/ Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) volunteers. CERT members from across Santa Clara County participated in damage assessment, search and rescue, transport, medical treatment, and Incident Command Post operations. Amateur radio operators with ARES/RACES skills provided emergency communications and messaging through Incident Command Posts (ICPs) and a simulated Emergency Operations Center (EOC).



“Each year the Santa Clara Countywide CERT Program Managers plan and deliver an exercise free to all CERT graduates that offers an opportunity to test skills they learned in their individual CERT programs; Search and Rescue, Medical Triage and Treatment, Radio Communications, and the Incident Command System. The goal is to provide a safe, yet realistic, setting for CERTs to practice hands on skills,” said Jennifer Ponce who served as Incident Commander for the exercise with Lynn Brown as the Asst. Incident Commander.

(Photos by Hugo Penafiel CERT Photographer. Above: Lynn Brown and Jennifer Ponce; Right: ARES/ Races Team, CERT Volunteers)





Cal OES Director Mark S. Ghilarducci with California Foundation for Independent Living Centers Executive Director Christina Mills; FREED Center for Independent Living Executive Director, Ana Acton; and OAFN Chief Vance Taylor

Message from Chief Vance Taylor, Office of Access and Functional Needs

***OAFN Turns 10 – Where We Were, Where We Are,
and Where We Go from Here...***

*(Excerpted from Rolling Perspective- News from the Office of Access and
Functional Needs, October 2018)*



A Decade of Learning

After a decade of disaster activations, OAFN has had the unique opportunity to compare and contrast how affected jurisdictions responded to the access and functional needs of individuals within their communities. In doing so, we found there are three things local emergency managers can do – regardless of the size, economic standing or geographic location of their jurisdiction – to increase the capability to save lives, reduce suffering, increase independence and promote the health of individuals with access and functional needs within their communities:

1. Establish a relationship with their local Independent Living Center (ILC);
2. Reassess the accessibility of their sheltering facilities; and
3. Integrate American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters within their press conferences.

In an environment of thinning budgets and ever-limited bandwidth, these are the things local emergency managers can do without spending exorbitant amounts of time or money that will yield monumentally significant results in their efforts to integrate access and functional needs. These items are tried, true and tested.

CAL FIRE Announces Availability of Funding for Grants to Reduce Fire Threat and Improve Forest Health



Sacramento – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) announced the availability of up to \$155 million for Fire Prevention and Forest Health projects. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for projects that will help prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forest health while also sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

CAL FIRE’s Fire Prevention Grants Program will provide funding for local projects that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to communities in, and adjacent to, forested areas. Qualified activities include hazardous fuel reduction, fire planning and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety. Details on the grant application and administration processes are available in each program’s Grant Guidelines. Find more information and sign up for announcements at www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA

Important Dates, Community Celebrations and Holidays

November is Critical Infrastructure Security and Resiliency Month

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, observed in the month of November, builds awareness and appreciation of the importance of critical infrastructure and reaffirms the nationwide commitment to keep our critical infrastructure and our communities safe and secure. Securing the nation's infrastructure is a national priority that requires planning and coordination across the entire community.

- Oct. 31** **Halloween**
- Nov. 12 Veterans Day
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 22 Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot – downtown San Jose

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer and Donations Management Combined Course -- [Register here!](#)



When: Monday, December 3rd & Tuesday, December 4th, 2018
Time: 8:30am — 4:30pm
Where: Santa Clara County—Sheriff’s Auditorium
55 W. Younger Avenue, San Jose—1st Floor

The Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services will host the following emergency management trainings for the Operational Area. Please join us by using the web links below to register:

- November 1** **Essential EOC Management Section / Position Specific (G611M)**
https://eoc_managementsectiong611m.eventbrite.com
- December 6** **Essential EOC Planning & Intelligence Section/Positon Specific (G611)**
<https://eocplanning-intelsectiong611p.eventbrite.com>

OES offers EOC Basic Training Clinics - 2018

Clinics provide a quiet atmosphere and opportunity to fulfill EOC basic training requirements online. EOC Basic Training Clinics run from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on these dates: [Register](#) for November 8, 15, December 4, 13.

Other Training links:

- [FEMA Independent Studies](#)
- [California Specialized Training Institute](#)
- [Bay Area UASI Training and Exercise Program](#)
- [FEMA – Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\)](#)

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

National Weather Service San Francisco Bay Area

1022 AM PDT Wed Oct 31 2018 SYNOPSIS...Light offshore flow, along with a building ridge of high pressure near the West Coast, will mean warm and dry conditions across the region today and Thursday. Slight cooling is expected in coastal areas on Friday, but inland areas will remain warm. In the longer range, dry conditions, warmer than normal temperatures, and periods of offshore winds are forecast to continue through the weekend and into next week.

San Jose Forecast Summary:

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| Wednesday | 10/31 | 79° 52°F |
| Thursday | 11/1 | 82° 54°F |
| Friday | 11/2 | 80° 51°F |
| Saturday | 11/3 | 79° 53°F |
| Sunday | 11/4 | 78° 52°F |
| Monday | 11/5 | 77° 50°F |
| Tuesday | 11/6 | 78° 50°F |

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