

Volcano CERT minutes

May 12, 2018 meeting

Team Leader Nancy Lakin convened the special "Radio Day" edition of our monthly meeting shortly after 9 a.m. under the official CERT command tent erected at the bottom of the side parking lot at Cooper Center. Also present: Carole Slattery, Doug Wilson, Duane Nakanishi, Ellen Train, Ellen O'Dunn, Sher Glass, Niana Penaroza, Teresa Evangelista, Chris Corley, Hank Schultz, Jim Tatar, Leigh Critchlow, Paul Lakin and Betsy Kimura.

Nancy and Doug discussed recent coordinating meetings held to gear up for informing and otherwise assisting the community in the event of ashfall, etc., from Halemaumau activity and downslope eruption of Kilauea in lower Puna.

Community members have put together an organizational unit for an ops and info HQ to be set up at Cooper Center, if needed. There will be a comms unit, info unit (including medical triage info), an administrative section and a general info section. The group has come up with a plan, and a one-page info sheet to be distributed widely.

"We're going to need help if we have to activate," said Doug. Key roles at present include Carole, ops; Ellen O., planning, with Doug and Nancy and Paul.

If activated, the operation will need us CERTs to sign up for shifts between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., said Nancy.

Of special value during this eruption: pamphlet about volcanic ash and steps to take if it is falling in your neighborhood, www.ivhnn.org; and <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/hawaiiirain/vog.html>.

On the Fourth of July, which is on a Wednesday this year, CERT will help during festivities as usual, with several opportunities for volunteerism, including radio comms, parade control, CERT booth.

At our June meeting, at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at Cooper Center, we will prepare for our involvement in the July 4 activities.

Doug distributed copies of a Volcano Emergency Communications Plan.

Under Doug's direction, CERT ham radio operators then practiced putting up our emergency antenna, setting up and using the net control base station and communicating at various distances via handheld radios.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Critchlow, secretary