

**Volcano Community Emergency Response Team  
February 2, 2019 meeting minutes**

The team gathered at noon at the Keaau Community Center, a change in time and place from the usual because of residential disaster damage assessment training that morning at that location. In attendance: Team Leader Nancy Lakin, Beatrice Nakanishi, Duane Nakanishi, Patti Pinto, Claudia Zirolì, Sharon McCartin, Dennis McCartin, Sher Glass, Teresa Evangelista, Doug Wilson, Hank Schultz, Bob Becker, Patricia Walters, Ellen O'Dunn, Carol Slattery, Chris Corley, Angela Nickell, Jimmy Love, Lee Pennington, Kat Archer, Tony Moorehead, Richard Turner, Leigh Critchlow, Paul Lakin and Khadiga (Nonna) Luce.

Patti Pinto, the Hawaii County CERT volunteer coordinator, encouraged folks to register, in advance, for the March Formidable Footprint online exercise listed on our 2019 calendar.

Next up: a brief introduction to the role of our new Volcano Education/Training Calendar Planning Group established at our January meeting. Committee members are Patti Pinto, Ray Burden, Doug Wilson, Carole Slattery and Chris Corley.

The Volcano Emergency Response Team, and its guiding Volcano Emergency Response Plan, were the primary topic of discussion. Volcano CERT will play a key role in the functioning of the major effort to prepare and protect the greater Volcano community in times of emergency.

Doug gave a brief history and overview of the ICS (Incident Command System), which was created in the 1970s to provide "commonality," a "common organizational management system" effective across multiple entities. The ICS actually can be used to provide management structure to successfully coordinate any activity you can think of.

In 2004, FEMA adopted NIMS, the National Incident Management System, incorporating ICS into its structure.

Doug, Carol, Chris and Bob Becker went through ICS logistics and the duties of persons filling official leadership roles. Bob reiterated the large inventory of online ICS training and resources. One major way CERTs responding to the Incident Command location, when called into action during an emergency, is to (while driving safely) do a "windshield survey" on their way to IC.

Several documents and forms relating to the Incident Command System and CERT activation functions were passed out to team members.

One offers an intro to ICS, thusly:

"... a management system designed to enable effective and efficient incident management by integrating facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications within a common organizational structure; (a key feature of NIMS) and a standard management tool for meeting the demands of small or large emergency or nonemergency situations; (incorporating 'best practices' incident management)... and has become the standard for emergency management across the country."

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Critchlow, secretary