

**September 4, 2019 memo to Volcano CERT members,
regarding the following:**

a. {Volcano Community Emergency Response Team meets at 9 a.m. this Saturday at Cooper Center, with ham radio practice net check-in from 8:30-9 a.m., as usual.}

b. This Saturday is the deadline to sign up for Sept. 21 live exercise with VERT. Nancy says she needs to have a definite head count by then.

c. Minutes of August meeting

Aloha, fellow CERTs:

Team Leader Nancy Lakin asks all of us planning to participate in the Volcano Emergency Response Team live disaster response exercise on Saturday, Sept. 21, to give her a firm commitment no later than this Saturday, Sept. 7, at our regular monthly meeting.

The exercise will be conducted as though our team is officially called up in response to some sort of emergency. This team stand-up will require each participant to respond as if the event were real. This includes arriving in uniform, with PPE packs, go-bags, etc. required to keep us safe and cared for in the field. We will be expected to do windshield damage assessments on our way to the Carlson Court at Cooper Center, where VERT will stage its operations. (CERT may be assigned a secondary staging site: TBA.)

Richard Turner will be our exercise Team Leader and Nancy will be Operations Section Chief for the day. We will be expected to report by 7:30 a.m. and the exercise will run from 8 a.m. to about 2 p.m. An estimated 75 volunteers will participate.

Leigh Critchlow, secretary

Volcano CERT Aug. 3, 2019 meeting minutes

Team Leader Nancy Lakin convened our regular monthly meeting shortly after 9 a.m. Also present: Richard Turner, Debra Chaffin, Patti Pinto, Leigh Critchlow, Teresa Evangelista, Sher Glass, Dennis and Sharon McCartin, Angela Nickell, Ellen O'Dunn, Larry Roy, Marc Bender, Kat Archer, Lee Pennington, Doug Wilson and Paul Lakin.

Fliers were made available for upcoming basic CERT training to start in Keaau in September, with advice from Patti to let interested persons know that slots are going fast, even before a community-wide announcement has been made. So: Sign up soon. And, if you are needing to re-CERTify, let Patti know. Basic training also set to start in late October in Kailua.

Doug reported 8 check-ins on the monthly amateur radio practice net which precedes our meeting. The next basic ham radio training will start Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Keaau. Interested in getting your Technician license? Contact Doug to register. Regarding possibility of future classes in Volcano, Doug said if he can get 6-7 students to commit, he'll conduct the series of classes in Volcano. Again: Let him know.

Nancy announced that she will step down as Team Leader at the end of the year. She will remain as an adviser to our new Team Leader, Richard Turner, for the first half of 2020, until she and Paul move to Texas to be with their family there.

Patti discussed and distributed copies of the new Project 360 emergency planning brochures. Goal is to have at least 20,000 Big Island families with an “Ohana Emergency Plan.”

For our monthly training exercise, team members next participated in a disaster-response “windshield assessment” as we might have done had Hurricane Flossie not deteriorated and had instead smacked the Big Island. We filled out forms and made up scenarios and then discussed our reports with the group. This prompted ideas and questions and was good training.

Doug discussed the Sept. 21 live exercise to be staged by the Volcano Emergency Response Team from its headquarters at the Carlson Court at Cooper Center. Details will be announced at our next meeting. CERT will be a part of the exercise, with a disaster scenario to be created by VERT.

**Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Critchlow, secretary**