



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES (AND HAVING FUN DOING IT)!

Dear Party Host,

Thank you for helping to make this year's National Night Out event on the Coast a special opportunity for neighbors to connect with neighbors. Here's some background information and tips for your event.

National Night Out: is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

Local Support: Party hosts on the Coast are receiving \$150 gift certificates to support their parties thanks to the generous support of the City of Half Moon Bay and Supervisor Horsley this year. Special thanks also go out to the MidCoast Community Council, the Sheriff, Coastside Fire and all of the volunteers at the Coastside Emergency Corps and Coastside CERT.

Theme: The City of Half Moon Bay and San Mateo County are working together to empower all Coastsiders to prepare for emergencies by connecting with their neighbors, volunteering and taking advantage of free training opportunities.

Street closures: If you need a street closure, contact Eddie Behle at (650) 750-2026 ebehle@hmbcity.com in the City of Half Moon Bay, or contact Carrie Dallman if you need a street closed in the unincorporated areas of the County (650) 363-4569.

What's in the bag? Your party bag has multiple copies of brochures and flyers that will help your guests be prepared for all sorts of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, as well as medical emergencies and blackouts. Please display these and encourage your guests to take them home. *(If there are any leftovers, please return them to Eddie Behle at City Hall 501 Main St. HMB.)*

Special guests: Don't be surprised if you get a visit from a Sheriff, Firefighter or elected official at your party. They are doing their best to stop by all of the parties, but with more than 1,000 guests expected they may not be able to make the full rounds.

What we ask of you: 1) Please ask everyone to sign up for SMC Alert and 2) to consider signing up to get more information about emergency volunteer and training opportunities.



SMC ALERT is a free alert notification system used by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and other officials to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations. You can set alerts to send emergency and non-emergency text and voice messages to your:

- email accounts
- cell phones, smartphones, tablets
- voice messages to landline phones (home & work)
- **Please visit the following link to sign-up: <https://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert>**

Questions can be directed to smcalert@smcgov.org

Alert types may include life safety, fire, weather, accidents involving utilities or roadways or disaster notifications. A few examples of the types of messages that can be sent through SMC Alert are:

Emergency Situations:

- Notify employees, and/or citizens of the location of the nearest emergency shelter, available bed space, hours of operation during a crisis;
- Notify employees/citizens of available evacuation routes during an emergency;
- Activate special teams within the community, such as CERT volunteers.

Precautionary Warnings: (optional subscriptions)

- Crime Alerts
- Major Road Closure such as a freeway.
- Wildlife Warnings such as Mountain Lion sightings.

VOLUNTEER AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Coastside Emergency Corp is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is collecting contact info for Coastsiders who are interested in receiving more information about emergency preparedness, volunteer opportunities and upcoming free training. Please use the signup sheet that is included in your packet to help us get the word out.

SIGN UP SHEET INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please prominently display the **signup sheet** with the attached **summary of volunteer organizations** and the attached **list of neighborhoods** where volunteers are already active.
- Signups are optional, and guests can provide whatever level of information they would like to share.
- The "interests" section of the form is where guests can tell us if they want specific training such as CERT, Listos, HAM radio, Shelter Operations, etc. They can also list special training that they might already have such as medical training, a pilot's license, etc.
- ***After your party please return the completed signup sheets to Eddie Behle, City Hall, 501 Main St., Half Moon Bay or e-mail them to: ebehle@hmbcity.com.***

SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Coastside Emergency Corps (CEC) is a volunteer organization made up of Coastside residents from the Santa Cruz County line to the Devil's Slide tunnel and up to Skyline who are trained in one of the following organizations to respond in the event of a major disaster: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Large Animal Evacuation, Shelter Operations, Humane Society, Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART).

THE COASTSIDE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) is a FEMA-sponsored national program that educates volunteers about disaster preparedness. CERT training prepares participants for the hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. A nationwide program, CERT training offers a consistent set of skills and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing first responders to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the community's capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is expanded and enhanced.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES (ARES) Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a national corps of volunteer amateur ("ham") radio operators dedicated to providing auxiliary communications for disasters and public service events. On the Coastside, we are called out now and then to provide support during emergencies, particularly in the unincorporated areas of the Coastside. In recent years, we have provided communications from the Red Cross shelter in Pescadero during flooding and the 2011 tsunami threat, and from the La Honda Fire Brigade during heavy storms. ARES members work closely with CERT and Large Animal Evac to provide communication between teams in the field and emergency responders, as we did during emergency evacuations due to mudslides in Cuesta La Honda.

SMC LARGE ANIMAL EVACUATION GROUP (SMCLAEG) is the county's designated volunteer resource for large animal evacuation. Our mission is to transport large animals out of harm's way in order to lessen the burden on emergency services. SMCLAEG members are experienced animal handlers, trailer drivers, licensed HAM operators, First Aid / CPR certified, and CERT trained. The group meets monthly and holds 3 - 4 training sessions or drills each year to strengthen and refresh members' skill sets. Typical training topics are trailer maneuvering, HAM radio use, and animal handling.

The Peninsula humane Society & SPCA has a comprehensive plan to help animals and animal owners in the event of a local disaster or emergency.

DISASTER AIRLIFT RESPONSE TEAM (DART) To help the San Mateo County Coastside community in the event of a disaster, the Half Moon Bay Airport Pilot's Association formed a Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART) in 2017. This program was modeled on a format created at the San Martin Airport, which was developed in response to their real-world experience supporting the Santa Cruz community after the Loma Prieta earthquake. DART is a volunteer airlift resource helping communities and emergency responders cope with a local disaster.

THE SHELTER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE The primary purpose of the Shelter Operations Committee is to assist in the (a) planning, (b) resourcing, (c) opening, (d) operation and (e) closing of disaster recovery shelters and evacuation centers on the Coastside.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS VISIT:

WWW.CECPORTAL.ORG