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SAN JOSÉ NEIGHBORHOOD CERT (SJNCERT)

FEATURED ARTICLE: CEO's Message and Note from the Editor

Welcome to the kick off for the monthly SJNCERT newsletter! Read the CEO's Message and Note from the Editor on page 2.

San José District News [Link here](#)

D5 – This past year was very productive for East Side CERT. Read our 2023 highlights and 2024 goals and connect with the D5 CERT leaders!

D8 – D8 has formed a leadership team based on the Incident Command System. For more information, contact the D8 CERT leader.

See all events and activities on the SJNCERT calendar on [SJNCERT.org](https://www.sjncert.org)

FEATURED EVENT: CERT table at Vietnamese Lunar New Year festival Feb 3-4

The Vietnamese American Roundtable, the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations, Northern California, and the Viet Museum wish to bring the festivities of Lunar New Year into the modern light. Free Admission. Visit the CERT table!



In this issue:

Monthly CERT Net on WA2IBM meetings! Meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. New for 2024, the net will be on both the 220 & 440 repeaters. Details at the [Link here](#).

Insights from the FEMA's 2023 National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness by Rich Saito. [Link here](#)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Jeffrey Hare explains how government resources are limited and many people may be left on their own for hours, maybe days. This is where neighbors can be the greatest resource in an emergency. [Link here](#)

Ensuring Safety at CERT Command Posts A CERT-member's number one priority is safety. Thus, Dave Burckhard recommends considering an IC Post position called the Safety, Security, and Health (SSH) Chief. [Link here](#)

This could happen to you! John Nourse illustrates a scenario on how SJNCERT is planning to serve their neighbors, while operating over 181 square miles, using radio operating frequencies. [Link here](#)

Beginners Preparedness with Neighbors Cole Cameron shares tips that can help us, as CERTS, engage with your neighbors who don't currently have the time or interest in the full 20 hour CERT course. [Link here](#)

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CEO's Message and Note from the Editor

CEO's message (Herb Bowen)

I am honored to serve as CEO of SJNCERT and I thank you for your continued support and commitment in 2024.

Our mission is to increase the disaster preparedness of the families, neighborhoods, and communities in San José.

Our goals this year are to:

- educate residents as to the value of disaster preparedness,
- increase our number of trained CERT volunteers, and
- encourage the City to provide refresher training for current CERT graduates.

Your ideas, insights, and contributions are invaluable to our collective success as an impactful organization!

Note from the Editor (Ellice Ogle)

As we kick off the monthly SJNCERT newsletter, I look forward to collaboration, learning, and connection in the upcoming year! Feel free to reach out to me at any time.

The focus of this newsletter is to:

- encourage cohesion and cooperation between all SJNCERT leadership and members,
- keep all members engaged with SJNCERT activities and to
- demonstrate to stakeholders that SJNCERT is a viable, growing, and vital part of the city's ability to better respond to emergencies

All are encouraged to share suggestions, events, and updates that benefit you, your neighborhood, and San José at large.