

# Belmont-San Carlos CERT

## Events and Updates

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2011

### CERT Skills Day Assistants Needed

April 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday -10am to 4:30pm, Station 14

Many of you signed up to be part of the Skills Day Assistant working group... ☺ Jeff and I are excited to have all of you join in, teaching what you have learned, meeting our new members and practicing on a regular basis. You are welcome to come and shadow, we will cover: how to set up, running skill stations, giving instruction, break down and clean up. This is the first step toward becoming a Skills Day Assistant. We are moving forward with our plan to become better equipped to help out during CERT sessions. Our first opportunity for skills day assistants is here and now with our current CERT class which began on April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet signed up to be a Skills Day assistant, there is still time and the more participation we have the more we are able to provide.

To attend the above described event/training, please rsvp to [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include in your subject line "April 30<sup>th</sup> Assistant".

### CERT Skills Make-up

April 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday -1pm to 4pm, Station 14

If you are in need of making up your skills day, please join us for the hands-on final session. Please rsvp to me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include in your subject line "April 30<sup>th</sup> Make-up".

### National Night Out (Planning Meeting)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 6:30pm, Belmont EOC

Team participation on National Night Out (Event Date-August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm to 8:30pm)

Last year we had a large hands-on field training exercise. We incorporated into the exercise the distribution of invitations and information

for two NNO participating neighborhoods along with CERT training handouts. We also staffed a table/booth at the Carlmont Shopping Center and attended NNO within our surrounding areas.

This Year, help build awareness and preparedness on your block or in your neighborhood.

### How can you help?

**1. Host an Ice Cream Social on your block**, small or large, it's up to you. Keep it small and simple; invite your neighbors to the end of the block, or 10 homes in each direction, on your side of the street as well as across the street. Go Big and get your entire neighborhood involved, it's up to you. Build relationships now and share information on CERT, get your block or neighborhood organized. I am able to provide handouts, how to plan, invitation template and print flyers for you if you need them. If you would like the how to info sent to you, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include in your subject line "NNO how to"

**2. Attend an already organized NNO** and give a short presentation on CERT, provide handouts and information on our upcoming sessions. The planning committee is excited to work with us and has asked if CERT members are available to attend the existing NNO locations and provide information on CERT training and disaster preparedness. If you would like to attend an NNO in your area, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include "Attend NNO" in your subject line.

**San Carlos Hometown Days** (Several ways to volunteer)

**May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and Sunday- 7:30am to 5:30pm**

**Staffing a Post/Traffic Control-** Hometown Days is a community event, which includes a parade on Saturday morning (8:30am to 11:30am) and a 5k/10k run on Sunday morning (7:30am to 11:30pm). Due to the size of both events, and the amount of qualified people needed to staff the streets of San Carlos, we need our volunteers to assist.

During Hometown Days multiple streets will need to be closed. On the day of the events, prior to your assignment you will attend an event briefing. During briefing you will be assigned a post and duties for the morning. The typical assignments for our CERT members include placing A-Frame signs to shut down an assigned post/streets, light traffic control at closed intersections, and answering the public's questions. For those members that may require more

training on traffic control, additional training can be provided. Briefing for both days will be held at the San Carlos Library, Saturday morning at 8:30am and Sunday morning at 7:30am. The briefing will be conducted by the San Mateo County Sheriffs Department. If you would like to volunteer for Saturday or Sunday, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include in your subject line "HTD Traffic".

**Staffing our booth-** Saturday (8am to 5:30pm), Sunday (8am to 5pm) Setting up, providing information on CERT and disaster preparedness, and helping with take down and clean up. You are welcome to sign up for a shift of time on either day, please let me know the hours you are available. To sign up, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include "HTD Booth" in your subject line.

## Disaster Preparedness Day - San Mateo County Fair Grounds

June 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 9:30am to 2:30pm

We will have a booth at this event to provide information on CERT and Disaster Preparedness. If you would like to join me in working the booth, please let me know the times you are available. To sign up for this event, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) and include "Prep Day" in your subject line.

## Relay for Life - Carlmont High School

June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10am to Sunday 10am

The event lasts a full 24 hours, however you are welcome to participate for as little or as long as you would like.

What is Relay for Life..? <http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/whatisrelay>

At the team request, we are participating in two ways: Similar to last year, we will have a booth, providing information on CERT, Disaster Preparedness and fire safety. A new addition for this year: A registered RFL walking team on the track©. You are welcome to volunteer at the booth, join your team members on the track, or you can do a little of both. This event is a great way to support a community fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, as well as a fun social event to get to know your fellow CERTs, and let the community see us. Bring your vest, ID card, pack a lunch, bring a folding chair, bring a friend, sunscreen, and snack to share, we'll make it our first Summer Social of 2011....

**Our booth hours will be Saturday, 9am to 2pm**, to sign up for booth staffing, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org). and include **“Relay booth”** in your subject line.

**Our track team captain** is fellow CERT member Jann Lassman; she has participated in Relay For Life for many years and has offered to be our Team Captain. She is available to answer any questions you may have about the joining the walking team, please contact her by email at [janncert@yahoo.com](mailto:janncert@yahoo.com)

## **You already know about Relay for Life?**

Belmont-San Carlos CERT is already registered as a team and listed on the Relay for Life site... our team name is: BSC Cert

**Please note:** All CERTs are welcome to attend, stop by to say hi, volunteer at the booth, join us for lunch or join the walking track team, if you've been out of the loop for awhile, come out and see us. Lets show the community who we are!!!

## **Skills Day Assistants needed (location details to follow)**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10am to 4:30pm**

We need your help as a skills day assistant. To participate as a skill station assistant, you must first shadow on a skills day. To sign up to shadow or assist, please email me at [christya@bscfd.org](mailto:christya@bscfd.org) include in your subject line **“July 9<sup>th</sup> Assistant”**.

## **Working Groups**

For those of you that signed up for the following Working groups, Secretary/Historian, Coordination/Data Management, Social Event Planner and Communications Planning/HAM Radio... You are needed at the above events as well... Please let me know if you are able to help out in the working group capacity.

**Working Groups-** If you haven't signed up and would like to, please let me know... we need help to build our team.

Below are the groups and those members that have signed up for working groups. The Project/Labor group is getting ramped up and about ready to start on our Trailer... 😊

## **Project/Labor**

Bill Patterson
Hayman Tam
David Sanders
Miles Hampton

Gregory Beck
John Ammenti
George Walschon

## Secretary/Historian

Hayman Tam
Ka Yun Cheng

## Coordination/Data Management

Laila Hinkle
Terese Ruth
Shyrl McCormick

## Social Event Planner

Shyrl McCormick
Jane Ammenti
John Ammenti
Terese Ruth
Laila Hinkle
Carol Corden
Lisa Barron

## Class Instructor/Skills Day Assistants

John Ammenti (Assist)
Ka Yun Cheng (Assist)
Miles Hampton
Terese Ruth
Laila Hinkle (Skills)
Varro Chen (Skills)
Lisa Barron (Skills Day)
David Sanders (Skills)
Eric Leong
Hayman Tam
Blythe Asagi
Cynthia Greer

## Communications Planning/HAM Radio

Cynthia Greer
Varro Chen
Cindy Bertsch

Reminder: Check the blog <http://bsccert.wordpress.com/> for updates on our TEAM... thank you Hayman for keeping it current. Also, our TEAM has a Facebook page for those of you that would like to join. As always, please forgive me in advance if I have misspelled a name or forgotten to add something to our update.... See you soon.