



NEWS



BELOVED EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER RETIRING

Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Richmond's Office of Emergency Services Manager, will be retiring on June 30, 2021. During the past years, Genevieve has been dedicated and committed to raising the bar in the City of Richmond's EOC readiness as well as reinforcing the partnerships with external agency partners and the Richmond community by leading us in the following efforts and more:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 6:30 2nd Wed. CERT Continuing Education
Topic: How are neighborhood CERT groups dealing with challenges...

June 9 6:30 2nd Wed. CERT Continuing Education
Topic: Emergency Management and CERT program updates

June 16 6:00 LISTOS Virtual Training pt.1
Emergency Preparedness for Families & Neighborhoods

June 23 6:00 LISTOS Virtual Training pt.2
Emergency Preparedness for Families & Neighborhoods

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WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS & EVACUATION

California is bracing for a destructive wildfire season due to worsening drought conditions and above normal temperatures. It is important that our urban-wildlife residents recognize and are prepared for the unthinkable in the form of a wildfire. In preparing for the upcoming fire season, please take a moment to view the [November 2020 Wildfire Preparedness YouTube video](#) which highlights important information for residents who live in areas where the potential for wildfire is present.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the City of Richmond Fire Department at (510) 307-8031 or go to:

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3627/Wildfire-Information>

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- Community Preparedness.
 - Community Emergency Response Team Training Academy
 - Emergency Preparedness Training for Local Organizations
 - LISTOS California Outreach Training
 - CERT Communications via HAM, GMRS
- City of Richmond's Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - Monthly EOC Readiness Training & Exercises
 - Finalizing the Emergency Support Functions Plans
 - Partnering with County Sheriff's OES to integrate complimentary systems
- External Emergency Planning Partnerships through the City Managers/West County Disaster Council
- Contra Costa County
 - Operational Area Council
 - Disability & Access and Functional Needs Working Group
- American Red Cross Leadership Team

We will miss Genevieve's spirit to positively uplift our CERT community.

CALLING ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN 94803

No, it's not a TV show. ZIP Code 94803 is the hilly, meandering valley part of the El Sobrante community. This valley has particular issues when it comes to earthquake response and wildfire evacuation. Because of its location, El Sobrante is vulnerable to the loss of electricity, cell phone transmission, and Internet service. Residents are concerned and have reached out to the City of Richmond for partnership in developing an emergency radio communications network so that citizens and neighborhoods of El Sobrante can communicate out and get the help they may need.

A team of local amateur radio operators has met with the goal of creating and growing a ham radio network for the 94803 area that would integrate with existing Richmond radio networks.

If you have a ham radio license, or are interested in getting your ham radio license, and live in ZIP Code 94803, the team invites you to get involved. A good place to start is by visiting the Marina Bay Neighbors' website: www.tinyurl.com/marinabayneighbors

Join the Emergency Communication practice with your ham radio every Saturday between 9:00-9:30 AM on the radio repeaters owned by Contra Costa Communication Club of El Sobrante. Visit its website at www.wa6kqb.org/home

Please email karenleongfenton@gmail.com for more information.

COVID VACCINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with COVID vaccine operations in Richmond. This opportunity is non-medical support roles. Help is most needed Fridays and Saturdays through May 29th. For more information or to sign up, please click, [Richmond COVID-19 Vaccination Site](#).



WHAT IS NIXLE?

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KIWANIS VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

This year, the Kiwanis of Richmond held its annual Public Safety Recognition Event virtually on Friday, March 6. The Volunteer of the Year awards are now the Sandi Genser-Maack Memorial Award. Many of you may remember Sandi lending her expertise and energies to many of the City of Richmond's community programs and organizations. In recognition of community members' commitment, dedication, and energies to the City's community emergency preparedness endeavors in 2020, a volunteer team and an individual volunteer recognition was presented as follows.

Volunteer Team of the Year

Karen and Jay Fenton with their partner, Edward Carney, were honored for their unconditional willingness and energies in sharing their communications knowledge, expertise, and equipment with the Richmond community. The team engages in monthly and weekly communications testing and drills, mentoring other neighborhoods in emergency preparedness and communications, and more. A huge congratulations to this dedicated and passionate team! For more information, visit: www.tinyurl.com/marinabayneighbors.

Volunteer of the Year

DJ Jovida is known for his many years of involvement in emergency communications throughout Contra Costa County. DJ Jovida is an amateur HAM radio operator mentoring all HAMS when called upon. He is a member of the 4C's and EBARC radio clubs in El Sobrante. He continues to be a force in local radio communications circles.

LISTOS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

LISTOS Emergency Preparedness Training is a virtual 4-hour training session held in two 2-hour sessions. After registering, attendees will receive a Zoom link prior to the training sessions. To receive a training completion certificate, attendees must attend both 2-hour virtual sessions.

Virtual Training Dates: Weds. June 16 from 6 PM to 8 pm AND Weds. June 23 from 6 PM to 8PM. For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listos-disaster-preparedness-tickets-153703351863>

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RADIO NETS

Radio operators will be needed after an earthquake or other disaster, and frequent practice with your radio is essential. Local groups offer check-in "nets" and radio practice for emergency communications (EmComm) on ham, GMRS, or FRS radio. These popular radio nets are ongoing -- some weekly, some monthly -- for ham, GMRS, and FRS radio operators.

Listen in and check-in when you feel comfortable. Just follow the net control operator's instructions. It's fun and you join a community of like-minded radio operators interested in communications after a major disaster.

A net is three or more radio operators who check in on a radio frequency for a purpose such as practice in emergency communications. Nets are managed by an operator called the Net Control Station (NCS). Groups in Richmond and El Cerrito hold FRS/GMRS nets and ham radio nets.

RICHMOND EOC EMERGENCY FREQUENCY TESTS

1st Thursday of the Month
10:30 AM - Richmond EOC Frequencies
2 Meter (144) - 147.450 (Simplex)
70 Centimeter (440) - 441.000 (Simplex)
1.25 Meter (220) - 223.400 (Simplex)

WEST COUNTY EMCOMM NET

Every Thursday
6:45 PM - 145.110 (Repeater) PI tone 82.5 -0.600

KARO ECHO EMCOMM AND TRAINING NET (Kensington-El Cerrito)

Every Thursday
@ 7 PM or after the West County Net
146.415 (Simplex)

ORCA EMERGENCY NET (Oakland)

Every Thursday
7:30 PM - 146.880 (Repeater) PI tone 77.0 - 0.600
Then move to - 147.585 (Simplex)

SATURDAY EMCOMM NETS (Richmond)

Every Saturday
Bay Shores EmComm
9 AM - 145.110 (Repeater) PI 82.5 -0.600
220 EmComm
9:15 AM - 224.300 (Repeater) PI 82.5 -1.600
4Cs North & East EmComm
9:30 AM - Freq. 444.275 (Repeater) PI 82.5 +5.000

EAST RICHMOND HEIGHTS HAM NET

1st Wednesday of the Month
6:45 PM - 442.150 (Repeater) PI 107.2 + 5.000

WEST CONTRA COSTA EMCOMM NET

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 11:00
after the Community Warning System sirens sound on
Channel 19 Simplex (Alternate: Ch. 17)
FRS, GMRS and Ham radio operators are invited to join
together on GMRS Ch. 19 Simplex (462.650 MHz) for a
different training exercise each month. For further details
on next month's program, visit
www.tinyurl.com/marinabayneighbors

WEST COUNTY (MARINA BAY) EMCOMM GMRS/FRS NET

1st Wednesday of the Month
11:00 AM after the Community Warning System siren
sounds
Channel 19

EAST RICHMOND HEIGHTS FRS/GMRS NEIGHBORHOOD NET

1st Wednesday of the Month
7:30 PM, Channel 7 (alt. 5)



SUMMARY OF RECENT CERT TRAININGS WITH LINKS TO VIDEOS

April 14 – Stop the Bleed – Leslie Stavig

o Leslie Stavig RN has been an Emergency and Trauma Nurse for over 16 years including experience with Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) and currently serves on the CA Health Corps COVID Response Task Force. She has been a CERT member for 5 years.

o Leslie showed us how to save a life. She explained techniques to quickly respond when you are faced with a bleeding emergency when moments count, for example in a mass shooting. <https://tinyurl.com/yjoa9hch>

March 10 – Napa County CERT Wildfire Deployment – Powell L. Helms Sr., Director, American Canyon CERT

o Powell described the deployment and activities of 3 different incidents. One was animal rescue during the LNU fires, one was water distribution, and one was the Glass Fire in 2020. Mr. Helms describes all aspects of the deployments, including ICS organization, radio communication, and use of technology. <https://tinyurl.com/yfmaffwv>

February 10 - Brickyard Landing Safety Committee – Rocky Saunders

o Rocky talked about all the things the emergency preparedness committee is doing at Brickyard Landing, including the evacuation drills that they do. <https://tinyurl.com/ygg7lnfw>

LINKS TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD CERT GROUPS

Marina Bay: Karen Fenton

Marina Bay Neighbors CERT has two main objectives: 1) To help its residents better prepare for disasters and emergencies & 2) To build an emergency communication network. Additional information can be found at

www.tinyurl.com/marinabayneighbors

The Marina Bay PEP (Promoting Emergency Preparedness) collaborative meets every other Monday @ 3:00 pm via Zoom to share ongoing organizing updates. Contact: sunsetpointembay@gmail.com

North & East:

1st Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. City Hall, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Multi-Purpose Room (Remote due to COVID. Contact for more details). NorthandEastCERT@gmail.com

Point Richmond: Kristen Gates, President

1st Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. 54 Railroad Avenue, Point Richmond (Remote due to COVID Contact for details).
Website

Atchinson Village
Brickyard Cove
Brickyard Landing
Country Club Vista
Hilltop Green
Richmond Annex
East Richmond Heights
El Sobrante, 94803:

Please submit articles and events to Anthony Moore AntMoOAK@gmail.com and Charmain Tyler charmain.tyler@gmail.com.

Please use "newsletter" in the subject line.