



Northeast CERT Search & Report / Communications Exercise (Disaster)

CERT EXERCISE INCIDENT

A very strong earthquake (Richter 7.3, along the Verdugo-Eagle Rock fault) has occurred at 8:00 AM causing severe destruction, injury and death over a wide area of North East Los Angeles, Glendale and South Pasadena with extensive damage and collapsed structures. Roads are impassable and all commercial two way communications are not working (cell phones, land-line phones, internet based phones, E-mail, chat, etc.). Public Safety organizations are not available except in the immediate vicinity of fire and police facilities.

CERT EXERCISE TIMELINE

9:15-10:00 AM - Briefing on the drill activities and explanation of methods to effectively communicate damage and injuries back to Command Post (Cindy Sanchez, Logistics Officer, & Mark Legassie, K9MSL).

10:00-10:15 AM - Each search team drives to its search area and conducts a mock disaster assessment of the area.

10:15-10:40 AM - Each search team attempts to pass a simulated "dreaded up" description of damage and casualties at that location to the CERT Command Post by FRS radio directly or relay by way of other CERT Search Teams.

10:45 AM – Arroyo Seco NC CERT Command Post will attempt to contact and pass traffic to the Silver Lake CERT Command Post using 2 meters simplex (ACS Battalion 2 frequency).

10:40-11:00 AM - Drive back to Hermon Emergency Village

11:00-11:15 AM - Debriefing session to discuss results and solicit feedback from participants.

CERT INCIDENT COMMAND (IC) TEAM

Incident Commander	Hans Riser (KI6TQC)
CERT Communications Officer	Tom Wirth (KG6TRS)
	Frank Bodeman (KI6PXO)
CERT Logistics Officer	Mark Legassie (K9MSL)
	Cindy Sanchez
CERT Public Information Officer	Maria Riley (KG6ZBV)
CERT Communications Relay Team	Mark Legassie (K9MSL)
	Cindy Sanchez
CERT/ACS Liaison	Jonathan Zimmerman (KG6JGZ)
Eagle Rock CERT Team	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
El Sereno CERT Team	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
Hermon CERT Team	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
Montecito Heights Team Leader	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
Monterrey Hills Team Leader	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
Mt. Washington Team Leader	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>
Rose Hills CERT Team	<i>Assigned Day of the Drill</i>



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Key Locations

Station 55 – 4455 York Boulevard, Eagle Rock

Station 12 – 5921 N Figueroa Street, Highland Park

Station 47 – 4575 Huntington Drive, El Sereno

Incident Command Post (ICP) - Budd Wiener Park-Via Marisol, Monterrey Hills

Alternate Command Post (ACP) - Hermon Emergency Village, LA Intl High School, Via Marisol & Lomitas

Relay Station – Ernest Debbs Park- 4235 Monterey Rd

Search and Rescue Teams:

- Eagle Rock CERT Team – Occidental College, Townsend Ave, Eagle Rock
- El Sereno CERT Team – Ascot Reservoir, Lynnfield St, El Sereno
- Hermon CERT Team – Hermon Park, 5566 Via Marisol, Hermon
- Montecito Heights CERT Team – Heritage Square- Griffin Ave, Montecito Heights
- Monterrey Hills CERT Team – Budd Wiener Park-Via Marisol, Monterrey Hills
- Mt. Washington CERT Team – Carlin Smith Recreation Center- Ave 46, Mt. Washington
- Rose Hills CERT Team – The Gems, Amethyst St, El Sereno





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CERT INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM (ICT)

Incident Commander - The CERT Incident Commander's (IC) responsibilities are to develop an Incident Action Plan and to oversee the events of the drill.

CERT Communications Officer - The CERT Communications Officer's responsibilities are (1) to set up and test the radio equipment at the Command Post, (2) at the briefing give radio instructions to the Search Teams at drill commencement to test their FRS radios to assure that they are working, fully charged, on channel, have no privacy codes turned on and are locked, (3) receive damage/injury messages from the search teams directly, and record them (time, team, text) on CERT message forms (for this exercise they are not passed on, simply stored for later comparison with the intended message).

CERT Logistics Officer - The CERT Logistics Officer's responsibilities are to (1) Supervise the set-up and take charge of the Command Center at Budd Weiner Park during the drill (2) to sign in CERT members and radio operators as they arrive at the CP, (3) quickly assign the CERT members to up to ten search teams, designated "Search Team Number 1-10", (4) provide adequate training to search teams. This designation will be their Tactical Call Signs. Each of these teams should have at least two members: one Scribe and one Communicator. Each team should carry a FRS radio. (5) Pass out maps showing the assigned "search areas" and written instructions on how to communicate back by radio, how the report should be given and how to avoid radio interference between teams.

CERT Public Information Officer - The CERT Public Information Officer's responsibilities are (1) act as an interface between the general public and this important CERT drill, (2) act as the main liaison between local media outlets, and (3) be the primary contact with the LAFD stations supporting this drill.

SETTING UP THE COMMAND POST

Preparation of the Command Post and Communication Area: At 8:00 AM the IC Command Officials for this exercise will meet at Budd Wiener Park to carry out the following preparation: (1) set up the tent, table chairs, forms, easel with search area map and radio equipment for the CP and its Communications Center, (2) set up table for the CERT member check-in and assignment activities and (3) set up table for refreshments.

At 8:30 AM neighborhood volunteers start to arrive at the Northeast CERT Incident Command Post (Budd Wiener Park) to receive their assignments, test their equipment, and establish teams. They will set up their equipment and then contact each other using assigned 2 meter and FRS channels.



Budd Wiener Park, Incident Command Post



HERMON EMERGENCY VILLAGE, Alternate Command



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CERT COMMUNICATIONS RELAY TEAM

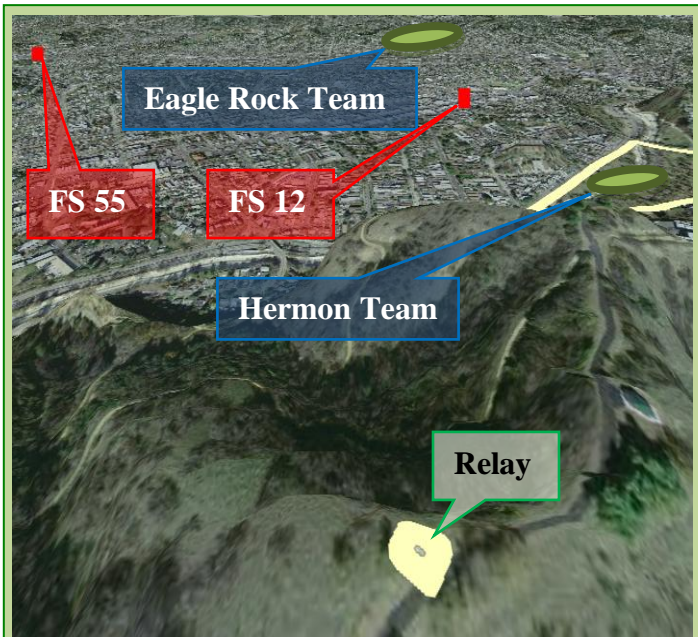
The Relay Team will consist of at least one ham radio operator and will set up on the highest hill in Debbs Park. They will monitor all communications during the exercise. If a SAR Team can't communicate, they will relay for them. The below relay location has line of site to all of the exercise locations.



Debbs Park the location of our Relay Station



View of SAR 1 from Relay Team at Debbs Park



View of SAR 3 and ACP from Relay Team at Debbs Park



View of SAR 2 from Relay Team at Debbs Park



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SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS

10:00-10:15 AM - Each search team drives to its search area and identifies location #1.

10:15-10:40 AM - Each search team attempts to pass a simulated "dreaded up" description of damage and casualties at that location to the CERT Command Post by FRS radio directly or by way of other CERT Search Teams. If a successful connection can't be made from that location, CERT Teams should make note and report this info upon return.

10:40-11:00 AM - Drive back to Budd Wiener Park (4600 Via Colina, Monterey Hills 90042)

11:00-11:15 AM - Debriefing session to discuss results and solicit feedback from participants.

MOCK CALL

SAR Team: CERT Command Post this is SAR Team 2.

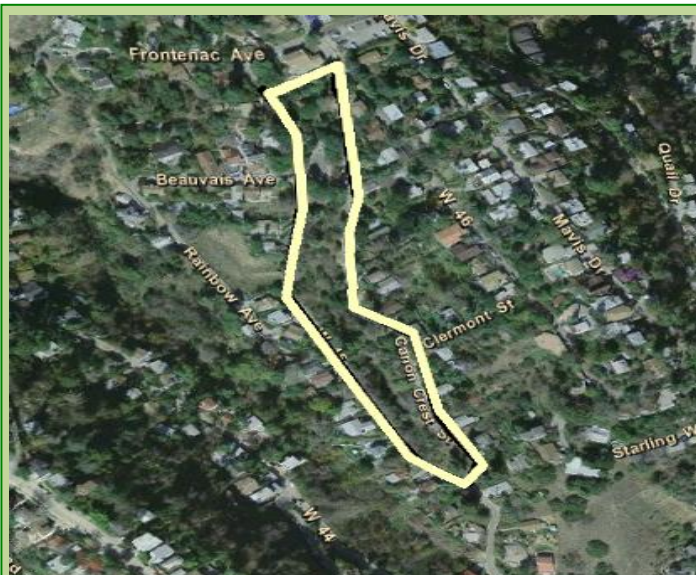
CERT OPS: SAR Team 2 go with your traffic.

SAR Team: We searched 10 residents, 5 with heavy damage, 2 moderately damaged, and 3 lightly damaged.

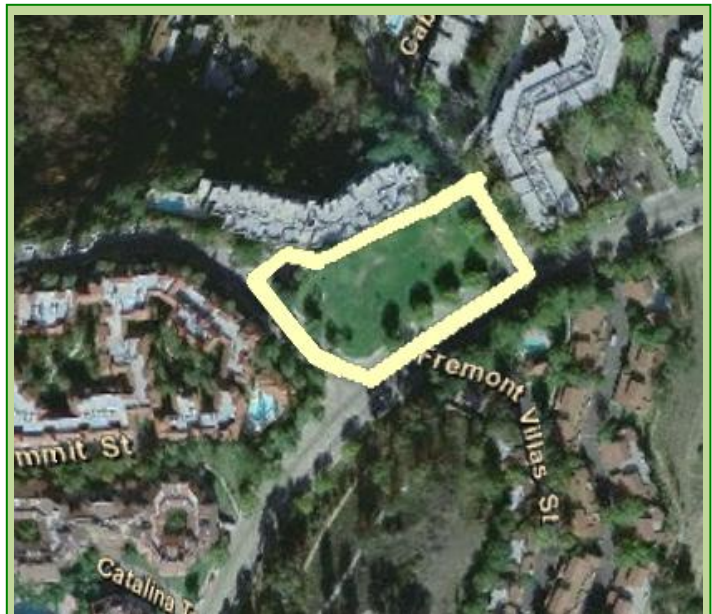
BREAK. 1313 S Main St has light smoke.

CERT OPS: SAR Team 2 copy, 1105hrs, out.

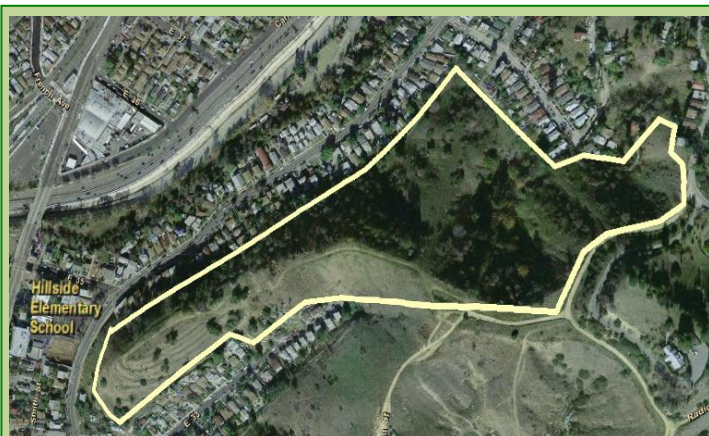
SAR Team: SAR Team 2 out.



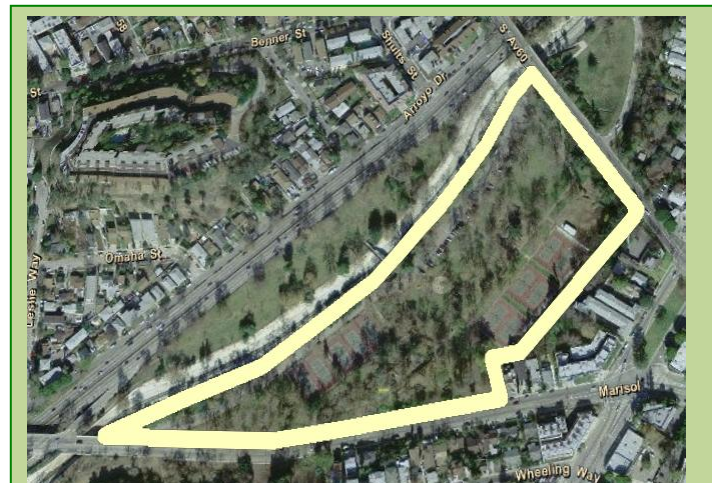
Mt Washington CERT search area at Carlin Smith Recreation Center.



Monterey Hills search area at Budd Wiener Park.



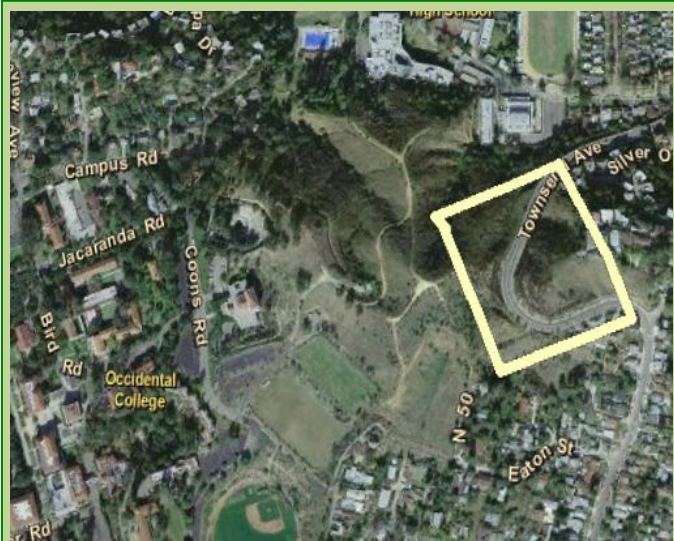
Montecito Heights search area at Heritage Square



Hermon search area at Hermon Park.



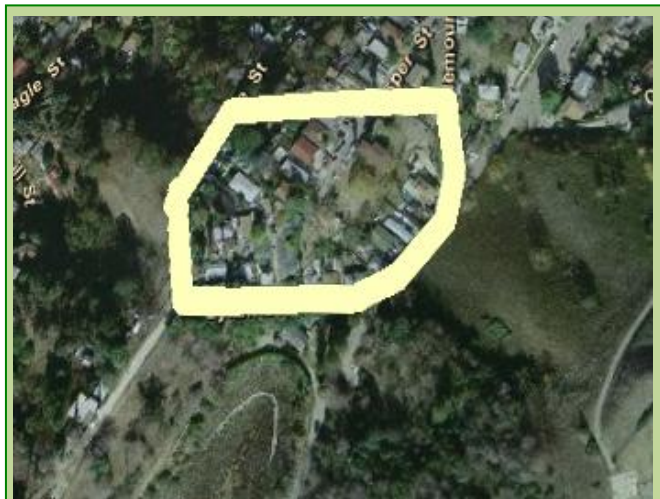
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Eagle Rock search area above Occidental College



Rose Hills search area on Amethyst St



El Sereno search area next to Ascot Reservoir

Communications Plan

ACS-CERT Comm Plan designated frequencies will be utilized

- For disaster communication in the ASNC area, use **FRS Channel 12 (467.6625 MHz)**
- **Ham Radio Operators** also tune to simplex **145.560 MHz, PL 110.9**
- If a real emergency is discovered, first call 9-1-1, then ASNC Command Post
- Important Communication Points
 - Listen before you speak (party line)
 - First identify who you are calling and who you are (e.g. "CERT Command Post, this is SAR Team 2"). Wait for acknowledgement before proceeding with actual message.
 - Emergency traffic has precedence
 - No swearing or obscenity