



# Big Bear Valley CERT

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## Let us help you be better prepared

All year the **BBV CERT Monthly Workshops** focus on specific topics to better prepare **you** for responding to many emergency situations. Topics such as preparedness for assessing your surroundings, reporting unsafe conditions and providing basic first aid for minor injuries while you wait for first responders to arrive.

In addition, those CERTs who choose to volunteer beyond their home and neighborhoods can learn about assisting first responders in other support roles involving radio communications, scheduled shifts at IC posts and staging areas.

**It is time to ask yourself-What BBV CERT volunteer role can I realistically and safely participate in and prepare for in my area?**

### Practice makes perfect. Can you do the following tasks?

**BBV CERT Communications Project *Plan A, B & C***- Rosemary Lloyd

- + Do **YOU** have a mobile phone?
- +Do you keep it fully charged?
- + Will you allow the BBV CERT leadership to notify/alert **YOU** using your mobile phone number using a brief text? If so.....
- + Does your mobile phone have a **Messaging App**?
- + Do **YOU** know how to use the **Messaging App to send and receive texts**?
- + Do **YOU** know how to set up a **Group text** using the **Messaging App**?
- + Do **YOU** have a resource to teach you or review these skills? If so please practice using it before the May 22 CERT monthly meeting.
- + More valuable information will be shared during May meeting.

### We are shrinking, fewer CERT volunteers means BBV has to change.

**Disaster Preparedness & CERT Division Leaders' Role Update**—Dave Jones  
BBV CERT is downsizing and simplifying the 'activation response' approach for volunteers; come and share your ideas and give us your feedback on this new focus.

The 2017 Taco Fund-Raising Event at *Sonora Cantina* was a success! Thanks to everyone but especially to Marie & Jim Smith for organizing the event.

## Upcoming Events & Location

**May 22; 5:30-6:25pm**

BBV-CERT board meeting

**May 22; 6:30-8:00pm**

**CERT Disaster Prep- Rosemary Lloyd, Dave Jones & Kris Saukel**

Second in a series of monthly workshops for BBV CERT Volunteers.

**Location:**

Big Bear Senior Center

42651 Big Bear Blvd.

Big Bear Lake CA

## Important Announcements:

### Classified Volunteer Openings

(some pre-qualifications may be required):

**+BBV-CERT Officer/Secretary**  
(must attend CERT meetings, have computer & misc. software skills). Focus of role includes: Recording agendas/minutes for board, special and monthly meetings. Data entry for misc. info on Excel spreadsheets. Variety of email communication tasks with various entities.

**+CERT Education/Training Coordinator** (must attend CERT meetings, must have completed FEMA/County Train The Trainer course). Focus of role includes:  
-CERT Monthly Workshops  
-CERT Annual Field Exercise  
-Bi-Annual Basic CERT Training Courses with BBFD  
-Educational Requests  
-Assist Division Leaders with team specific development training

**+BBV-CERT (odd year) Elections are coming June 2017 so that means it is time for the non-profit to consider nominations for the Secretary and the VP officer positions expiring June 30, 2017. If you are interested in either of these roles contact Kristin Saukel, BBV-CERT president [k.saukel@verizon.net](mailto:k.saukel@verizon.net) ASAP.**