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PRESS RELEASE

On July 15, 2021, the California Fire Foundation awarded the Mosquito Fire Protection District a grant for the purpose of developing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. This grant will fund the training and equipment necessary to mobilize 50 community volunteers into CERT teams capable of helping their neighbors in the event of a disaster or other emergency.

FEMA Describes CERT:

The Community Emergency Response Team program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities. CERT trains them in basic disaster response skills such as team organization, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue. CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, co-workers and other community members during emergencies when professional responders may not immediately be available to provide assistance.

Before, during, and after disasters, CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking on neighbors, distributing information to the public, supporting emergency operations centers, and helping to manage traffic and crowds. The ability for CERT volunteers to perform these activities frees up professional responders to focus their efforts on more complex, essential, and critical tasks. CERT volunteers also support their communities by organizing, promoting, and participating in emergency preparedness events, activities, and projects.

If you would like to know how to become a member of the MFPD CERT or to find out more please contact CERT Coordinator Laurie Teague at lteague@mfpd.us

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