



Temecula Ready

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September Is Over. Preparedness Isn't.

September was National Preparedness Month, but emergency preparedness shouldn't end when the calendar turns to October. Because we live in Temecula, we face the possibility of earthquakes, wildfires, and extended utility outages. We can't prevent these emergencies, but we can take steps throughout the year to make sure our families are better prepared when one occurs.

Preparedness begins with knowledge and skills.

Consider taking a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. CERT training teaches residents how to protect themselves and assist others following a disaster. Participants learn about fire safety, light search and rescue, basic medical operations, and organizing a neighborhood response.

First aid, CPR/AED, and Stop the Bleed training are also worth considering. When someone needs help, the first responder is already standing there – YOU! Knowing what to do when someone is seriously injured or suffers a medical emergency can make a difference while waiting for professional responders. These are skills that could help a family member, neighbor, coworker, or even a stranger.

Take a look at your emergency supplies. Do you have a go bag ready if you need to evacuate quickly? It should contain medications, copies of important documents, a flashlight, phone charger, first aid supplies, and other personal necessities. Remember to include items for children and pets.

Your supplies should also cover the possibility that you may need to remain at home for days without normal utilities or outside assistance.

Imagine turning on your kitchen faucet and discovering that nothing comes out. How much drinking water do you have stored? Have you considered what you would use for cooking, washing, and sanitation? Maintaining an adequate water supply is one of the most important steps in household preparedness.

Food storage is equally important. Keep a supply of nonperishable foods your family actually eats, include a manual can opener, and rotate your supplies regularly. You don't have to purchase everything at once. Adding a few extra items during routine grocery shopping is a good way to build your supply.

Think about living without electricity or natural gas. A prolonged outage could mean no lights, refrigeration, air conditioning, or normal use of kitchen appliances. Internet and telephone service may also be interrupted.

Have flashlights, extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, and an alternative way to charge your phone. Consider how you would prepare meals and keep your family comfortable during extreme temperatures. Remember that generators and outdoor cooking equipment must never be used inside a home or garage because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Getting to know your neighbors is another important part of preparedness.

Some may live alone, have mobility limitations, or need additional assistance. A simple conversation about how you might help one another could make a real difference during an emergency.

Make sure your family has an emergency plan, including evacuation routes, a meeting location, and an out-of-area contact. Everyone should know what to do if family members are separated when disaster strikes.

Temecula Citizen Corps can help you get started.

- Teen CERT class October 9 – 11 (public schools give 20 hours community credit for attending)
- Adult CERT class November 6 – 8

If weekend commitments make attending a full CERT course difficult, consider our *new Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) program*. These smaller classes take approximately three to four hours and can be scheduled in coordination with participating neighbors, making the training easier to fit into busy schedules.

You'll find more information about these training opportunities elsewhere in this newsletter.

You don't need to accomplish everything at once.

Pick one thing you can do this month to improve your family's preparedness. Check your supplies, update your emergency contacts, take a training class, or practice your evacuation plan. Then, next month, do a little more.



When the Water Stops: A Home Sanitation Plan

Turn off the tap for a moment and consider how often you use it in a day. You need water to drink, of course, but also to prepare food, wash your hands, clean dishes, and perhaps flush the toilet. *Storing water before an interruption is one of the most useful steps you can take now.* A broken water main may mean a short inconvenience. However, a disaster could leave you managing without normal service much longer.

Build your water supply. The CDC recommends storing at least one gallon of safe water per person per day for three days. *If you have the space, aim for a two-week supply.* A household of two would need at least six gallons for three days, or 28 gallons for two weeks. Hot weather, pets, and medical needs may increase those amounts. Store water in food-grade containers, keep it separate from water that is not safe to drink, and make sure everyone knows which is which. Start with a few gallons if that is what your space and budget allow, then add to your supply over time. If you receive advance notice of a planned shutoff, fill clean containers before service stops.

Know which water is suitable for which job. If you have a swimming pool, its water can be a useful non-drinking supply for flushing a toilet when officials say the sewer system is working. Pool water may also be used for some cleaning and personal hygiene if it has not been contaminated by floodwater, sewage, fuel, or other chemicals. Follow local advice about bathing after a disaster. Do not use pool water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, or preparing food, and do not count it toward your stored drinking-water supply. Keep containers of pool water clearly marked so they cannot be mistaken for drinking water.

Check what still works. A loss of water pressure, a drinking water advisory, and a sewer interruption call for different responses. Follow instructions from your water provider and local officials. During a boil water notice, use bottled or properly boiled water for drinking, preparing food, brushing teeth, and washing dishes. If officials issue a do not drink notice because of possible chemical contamination, boiling will not make that water safe. (www.epa.gov)

Set up a place to wash hands. Keep soap, paper towels, and a covered water jug with a spigot together. Wash hands after using the toilet and before handling food. Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol can help when soap and safe water are unavailable, but it works less well on visibly dirty hands. (www.cdc.gov)

Plan for when a toilet cannot be flushed. If officials say the sewer system is working, you may be able to flush by pouring non-drinking water into the toilet bowl. *If the sewer is damaged or its status is uncertain, stop flushing to avoid a possible wastewater backup.*

If the toilet is intact, you can still use it as a seat. *First, remove any standing water from the bowl, taking care to avoid splashes and washing your hands afterward.* Line the bowl with two heavy-duty plastic bags, leaving enough material over the rim to secure the bags beneath the toilet seat. Put cat litter in the inner bag to absorb urine and other liquid waste. Add more as needed to help contain moisture and odor. *Do not flush with the bags in place.*

If the toilet itself cannot be used, make a bucket toilet. Choose a sturdy bucket with a tight-fitting lid, and add a toilet seat designed to fit it. Line the bucket with two heavy-duty bags and put cat litter in the inner bag, just as you would with the toilet bowl. Keep the bucket in a private place away from food preparation, and close the lid between uses. King County Public Health describes both a lined toilet bowl and a lined pail as emergency toilet options. (kingcounty.gov)

Tie filled bags securely and store them in a protected container away from children, pets, food, and drinking water. Wash your hands after handling them. Follow local instructions for disposal; do not assume bagged human waste can go into regular household trash.

Make cleanup simpler. Store wipes, household cleaner, extra trash bags, and disposable plates or utensils. Use safe water to clean food preparation areas and dishes. Follow product directions when disinfecting surfaces, and never mix bleach with other cleaners. (www.cdc.gov)

This week, locate your supplies and decide where your handwashing station and backup toilet would go. It is a short conversation that could make an uncomfortable interruption much easier to manage.

Reference for the emergency toilet methods: King County Public Health, "How to create an emergency toilet".



When flushing is unsafe, an intact toilet or a sturdy bucket can support a lined bag. Cat litter helps absorb liquid waste and odors.

TCC Drone Team Takes Training to the Air

From above, the training site looks like a patchwork of buildings, trees, open ground, and winding dirt paths. From the ground, it gave the Temecula Citizen Corps (TCC) Drone Team plenty to think about.

With permission from the Anza area property owner, the team held training sessions there in August and September. The varied setting gave pilots room to practice their flying skills while support team members worked on the ground operations that help make a drone search effective.



Drone being prepped for exercise.

Drone support team members Alan McRoberts, Yeshe Phang, Craig Turner, and our drone pilots also practiced serving as visual observers and assisting with searches for specific target objects under the pilot's direction. A visual observer helps keep watch on the aircraft and its surroundings while the pilot remotely operates it. Ground team members (visual observers) can also help identify hazards in the area and relay what they see to the pilot. Clear, brief radio communication matters when everyone is trying to connect what they see on the ground with the view from the drone.

The property's mix of open space, vegetation, paths, and structures made it a useful place to rehearse that coordination. It let team members practice describing locations and checking potential hiding places from different viewpoints. Just as important, it gave the pilots and support members time to learn how to work together.

In a major disaster, an aerial view could help responders gather **preliminary damage assessments quickly** across a broad area. Drone images may reveal damaged buildings, blocked roads, or other conditions that warrant a closer look, helping responders decide where to send ground teams. The Drone Team's training builds the flying, observation, and communication skills needed to support that work, as well as searches and other assignments.

TCC appreciates the property owners for providing access and allowing the team to train on their land.

TCC's FAA Part 107 certificated pilots—David Bever, Dominic Carter, David Matics, Jim Sadler, Scott Seidman, and Mark Ziobro—took part in the sessions. *Congratulations to Scott, Mark, and Jim on recently passing the FAA Part 107 knowledge test!* Part 107 certification qualifies pilots to operate drones under the FAA's commercial rules.

During these training days, the pilots practiced controlling the aircraft and using its camera to examine areas quickly.

A search is more than flying over an area and looking at the screen. The pilot must keep track of the aircraft, understand where the camera is pointed, and communicate clearly with the people assisting nearby. Trees can block a view, a building can hide an object from one angle, and something that stands out on the ground may be surprisingly hard to recognize from the air. Practicing together helps the team work through those challenges before a real assignment.



Dominic guides a drone during a recent training exercise.



Drone view of search area.

TCC Out in the Community

Temecula Citizen Corps (TCC) has been out and about in recent weeks, meeting residents, answering questions, and sharing ways to get involved in emergency preparedness. Some conversations happen at large public events. Others begin over coffee. Both give us a chance to hear what matters to our neighbors and help them take a practical next step.

On the first Friday of each month, TCC attends the *Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce's Coffee Connections* at the City Hall Conference Center. It is an opportunity to meet local business owners and community members who may be hearing about TCC for the first time. Preparedness matters at work as well as at home, and these informal conversations often lead to useful questions about training, communications, and volunteering.

In August, TCC joined the community for *National Night Out*. The event brings residents and public safety personnel together in a relaxed setting, making it easy for people to stop by and learn more about emergency preparedness. A brief conversation at an outreach table can be the start of a longer interest in getting prepared for when the need arises.

TCC also participated in *Temecula's National Preparedness Day* event at the Promenade Mall. Visitors had an opportunity to talk with members about preparing their households and neighborhoods for emergencies (pictures on opposing page). For anyone who missed it, the central message is simple: preparedness begins with manageable steps, such as a family storing water, creating a communication plan, and learning basic life saving skills.

On September 11, TCC members attended *Temecula's Remembrance* marking the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. It was a time to honor those who died, recognize the service and sacrifice of first responders, and stand alongside our community in remembrance. For TCC volunteers, whose work centers on helping neighbors during emergencies, the occasion carried special meaning.

Our recent *TCC Meet & Greet* offered residents another opportunity to learn what TCC does and speak directly with volunteers about their experiences. *We were especially pleased that five people turned in applications to join TCC.* Congratulations to James Fritz and Kevin Parker, who each won a free emergency backpack! We look forward to getting to know the new applicants as they take their next steps with the organization.

Public outreach is one part of TCC's work, but it is an important one. Each event gives us a chance to answer a question, share a useful preparedness idea, or welcome someone who wants to help. To everyone who stopped to talk with us at Coffee Connections, National Night Out, National Preparedness Day at the mall, or the Meet & Greet: thank you. *We hope to see you again soon.*



TCC Members at the 9/11 Remembrance.



A large contingency of TCC Members at the Meet and Greet.

National Preparedness Day Photos



TCC Member Angela Little discussing fire extinguisher use.



TCC's volunteers share preparedness information.



Daddy! There's a fire!



I'll get the extinguisher.



Let's put out the fire together!

Temecula Citizen Corps at the 2026 National CERT Conference

Eight local members brought home practical ideas, new training ideas, and renewed appreciation for the Temecula preparedness program



Eight Temecula Citizen Corps members attended the 2026 National CERT Association Conference in Irvine from August 24 through 29. They joined approximately 700 CERT volunteers, emergency managers, public safety professionals, Cal OES staff, corporate representatives, and preparedness leaders from across the United States, its territories, and other countries. The week offered training, demonstrations, field tours, and 73 main-conference sessions. More important for Temecula, our members returned with ideas that can strengthen local training, neighborhood preparedness, volunteer safety, and public outreach.

The conference theme, *Carrying the Torch 40 Years and Beyond*, recognized four decades of CERT's growth and service while looking toward the program's next generation. That theme had special meaning for the Temecula delegation. Several sessions echoed work already underway within TCC, including neighborhood-based preparedness, youth engagement, emergency communications, and realistic exercises. Other sessions introduced new tools that may help us reach more residents and make future training even more useful.

How CERT Began

The Community Emergency Response Team program began with the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985. After studying earthquake preparedness in Japan and observing the response to the devastating Mexico City earthquake, LAFD leaders recognized the need to train residents to help safely when professional responders are overwhelmed. Assistant Fire Chief Frank Borden, Captain Stacy Gerlich, and the LAFD Disaster Preparedness Section developed the first CERT program in 1986.

FEMA adopted the concept nationally in 1993 and standardized the curriculum for communities across the country. The National CERT Association, established in 2019 in partnership with FEMA, now supports communication, resource sharing, and best practices among CERT programs. Temecula city officials created the Temecula Citizen Corps in 2003. The national conference continues that mission by bringing volunteers and emergency-management professionals together to exchange ideas and strengthen community preparedness.

Temecula Contributes to the National Conversation

Temecula was represented on the conference program as well as in the audience. City of Temecula Emergency Manager Mikel Alford presented "Bridging the Gap: Building Sustainable Teen CERT Programs Through Campus CERT Integration." His session examined how Teen CERT and Campus CERT can reinforce one another, creating a more sustainable path for young people to learn preparedness skills and continue serving as they move from school into college and the community.



Temecula Emergency Manager Mikel Alford presents on building sustainable Teen CERT programs through Campus CERT integration.

TCC members identified Alford's presentation as one of the conference standouts. Youth programs can do more than introduce emergency skills. They can develop leadership, give students a constructive role in campus safety, and build a continuing connection to community service. For Temecula, the presentation also demonstrated that local experience can benefit CERT programs well beyond our city. We attended to learn, but we also contributed ideas that other communities can use.

Practical Lessons Members Brought Home

The Temecula group attended a wide range of sessions, and several subjects appeared repeatedly in their comments after the conference. One was Post-Emergency Canvassing Operations, commonly called PECO. Door-to-door canvassing after an emergency can help identify injuries, unmet needs, hazards, and residents who may require additional assistance. The session emphasized that volunteers must conduct this work methodically and safely. That focus

fits well with CERT principles: begin with personal safety, maintain accountability, observe carefully, document accurately, and avoid creating another emergency.

Flood response instruction offered another practical reminder. Members reviewed correct sandbag placement and, just as important, the conditions under which volunteers should stay out of moving water. A familiar-looking street or drainage area can become dangerous quickly, and a well-intentioned volunteer must recognize when the safest action is to withdraw and report the hazard.

Disaster sanitation prompted members to think beyond a short interruption at home. What happens when water and sewer systems fail at a school, public building, shelter, or other location occupied by many people? The discussion encouraged attendees to review portable toilets, improvised systems, hygiene supplies, waste handling, backup power, and refrigeration for temperature-sensitive medication. One TCC member noted that the value of a conference is sometimes the reminder it provides. Even experienced volunteers benefit from revisiting older plans in light of improved batteries, portable refrigeration, solar charging, and other technology that may not have been available when those plans were first written.

A session on family reunification addressed an equally important problem: how loved ones will find one another when telephones, internet service, and other electronic systems are unavailable. Families should identify meeting places, out-of-area contacts, written phone numbers, and ways to leave information safely. The conference offered relatively little material on broader emergency communications, but the reunification session reinforced a basic truth: *Every household needs a plan that still works when its usual devices do not.*

New Ways to Deliver CERT Training

Hybrid CERT attracted strong interest from the Temecula attendees. Developed through a partnership that includes the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the Utah Division of Emergency Management, the National CERT Association, Cal OES, Listos California, and FEMA support, the program combines online instruction with in-person, hands-on practice arranged by the local CERT program. Online coursework can make the classroom portion easier to schedule, although local practical sessions preserve the teamwork and physical skills that cannot be learned from a screen alone.

Members saw several possible uses for this model. Hybrid instruction could expand access for residents who cannot attend a traditional multiday class, provide refreshers for existing volunteers, and support workplace, school, and campus programs. Spanish and Mandarin options may also help programs reach more of the community. The conference did not suggest that online learning should replace hands-on

CERT instruction. Instead, it showed how flexible delivery can bring more people to the practical training that matters most.

Attendees also learned about changes associated with Listos California, now known as Ready California, and multilingual materials for short disaster-preparedness classes. A neighborhood Block Party concept described at the conference closely parallels Temecula's new "Neighborhood Emergency Response Team" (NERT) initiative. Both approaches recognize that many people are willing to prepare with nearby households even if they are not yet ready for the full CERT course. Organizing a neighborhood contact point, first-aid capability, shelter location, and communications link can give residents a workable starting structure after a major emergency.

Technology That Makes Exercises More Realistic

Artificial intelligence was another topic that generated useful ideas. One session demonstrated how instructors can photograph recognizable local buildings and use AI tools to create simulated scenes of moderate or severe damage. Used responsibly and clearly labeled as simulations, those images could make size-up and damage-assessment exercises more realistic. Trainees would practice with places they recognize rather than generic scenes, which could improve observation, discussion, and decision-making.

Members also saw an AI-enabled live-fire training prop designed to enhance instruction. New technology does not change CERT's safety rules or replace experienced instructors, but it can help create memorable exercises and varied scenarios. The most useful tools will be those that support a clear training objective, remain safe and controlled, and help volunteers practice the judgments they may need after a real disaster.

What the Conference Confirmed About TCC

Conversations with CERT representatives from other areas gave the Temecula delegation useful perspective on our own program. Members came away believing that TCC's organization, local training, and emergency communications capabilities compares very well and exceeds many programs represented at the conference. That is encouraging, but it is also a reason to keep improving and to share what we have learned.

The conference did not offer many sessions devoted to radios, backup systems, or communications planning, so informal discussions with other attendees became especially valuable. For TCC, those conversations confirmed the importance of continuing our work in amateur radio, Winlink, neighborhood communications, documentation, and the orderly movement of field information to decision-makers.

National CERT Conference

The conference also pointed attendees toward a growing national resource library for approved CERT reference materials and future curriculum updates. Ready access to shared materials can help instructors compare practices, refresh lesson plans, and avoid rebuilding useful tools that another program has already developed. TCC can utilize those resources while continuing to tailor training to Temecula's hazards and community needs.

Bringing the Benefits Home

The eight TCC members returned from Irvine with more than notes from individual classes. They brought back reminders to review family plans, ideas for safer field operations, options for flexible training, and examples of how neighborhoods and young people can become part of a larger preparedness network. They also returned with evidence that Temecula is contributing meaningful work to the national CERT community.



Back row: Yeshe Phang, Bob Hagel, Mikel Alford, Andea Godoy, Gladys Hall, Angela Johnson, and Bruce Brunn.
Seated: Jeff Irwin with canine volunteer "Birdie", and Fred Johnson.

A conference becomes valuable when its lessons are put to use. During the coming months, TCC members can examine which ideas fit our local program, incorporate the best of them into exercises and public education, and share useful materials with fellow volunteers. CERT began with the recognition that trained neighbors can make an extraordinary difference before professional help is available. Forty years later, that principle remains sound. Temecula's task is to keep the training current, extend it to more people, and ensure that our volunteers are ready to help safely when the community needs them.

A small number of TCC members have attended previous National CERT conferences. This year, the conference's location in nearby Irvine, along with the City of Temecula's sponsorship of registration fees, allowed eight members to participate. *TCC appreciates the City's continued support of volunteer training and community preparedness.*

TCC Monthly Meetings and Radio Nets

TCC Meetings

(Public is Welcome)

TCC Advisory Board Meeting

1st Tuesday 8:15 am
City Hall-EOC

TCC Business Meeting

1st Tuesday 7:00 pm
Public Works - Field Operations Center (FOC)
43230 Business Park Drive, 2nd Floor
Minutes available at temeculaca.gov/1580/About-TCC

TCC Maintenance Day

1st Saturday 8:00 – 11:00 am
TCC - Overland Training Center (OTC)
32364 Overland Trail

TCC Training Meeting

3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm
Public Works - Field Operations Center (FOC)
43230 Business Park Drive, 2nd Floor

TCC ACS/RACES TCC Monthly FM

2nd Wednesday of each month

Between 8:30 – 10:00 am

445.300 MHz -100.0 (W6TEM 440m repeater)

146.805 MHz- 100.0 (GTARC 2m repeater)

Simplex - 147.510 MHz

TCC Weekly Winlink RMS and Telnet Check-ins

(anytime on any Wednesday)

Use "TEM-EOC" as the tactical call sign

Standard message should include:

Call sign, first name, QTH, and mode (RMS or Telnet)

e.g., KK6TCC, David, Temecula, Riverside, (RMS)

Use RMS or Telnet to check in every Wednesday

Summary will be sent on Friday

Riverside County RACES Sponsored Nets

Every Wednesday

Winlink Wednesday

Address Line: "RIVCO"

Subject Line: "RIVCO Winlink Wednesday Check-in"

Text: Call Sign, First Name, City, County, State

(Telnet is not permitted)

Southwest ARES/RACES

7:30 pm on 144.895+156.7 MHz (Elsinore Peak)

Net is managed by Yeshe Phang, KN6ZDY

Be sure to indicate that your affiliation is Temecula ACS/RACES

Golden Triangle Amateur Radio Club

Net and Roundtable

Every Thursday

7:30 pm on 146.805- 100.0 MHz

TCC members receive credit for each check-in on the above nets. Any licensed amateur radio operator is welcome to participate on these nets. Unlicensed radio operators are welcome to listen.

Temecula Citizen Corps presents

A NEW PROGRAM NERT

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team





1 What is NERT?
Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a short, practical preparedness course that helps residents better prepare their households and nearby neighbors for emergencies.



2 Program Highlights

- Small group training in your neighborhood
- Approximately 4 hours
- Hands-on and practical
- Neighborhood-focused preparedness
- Great for families, HOAs, faith groups, and small community groups



4 Good to Know

- A great first step in emergency preparedness
- Not a replacement for full CERT training
- Ideal for residents who want practical readiness skills close to home



3 What You'll Learn

- Home and family emergency preparedness
- Neighborhood response and teamwork
- Fire safety and extinguisher awareness
- Utility shutoff and hazard awareness
- Basic disaster medical awareness
- Communications and helping neighbors until responders arrive

Ask About Hosting a Class in Your Neighborhood!

Interested in attending or hosting a NERT class?
Contact Temecula Citizen Corps for information and upcoming dates.

Visit our website:
temeculaca.gov/citizencorps

Preparedness starts in your neighborhood.

Recruitment

QST, QST, QST Temecula Needs Radio Operators *Stay Connected When It Matters—Join TCC ACS/RACES*

When disasters disrupt power, cell networks, and internet service, radio remains one of the most reliable ways to communicate—and trained amateur radio operators become essential.

Temecula Citizen Corps (TCC) is actively recruiting licensed ham operators—and those interested in getting licensed—to support our growing Emergency Communications (EmComm) program. Whether you're experienced or just starting out, there's a role for you.

Participation is flexible. You do not need to become a full Disaster Service Worker, and individual membership in RACES or ARES is not required. There are no dues or membership fees—just a commitment to regular on-air participation and occasional EmComm drills. If your interest is radio operations, we offer a pathway to contribute where it matters most.

A critical need—especially during wide-area incidents—is for at-home operators. From your home station, you can monitor National Calling Frequencies and regional channels, listening for assistance requests, damage reports, and emerging issues. Relaying that information to TCC operators provides real-time situational awareness when traditional systems are overwhelmed.

TCC supports a robust, expanding radio network across Temecula, including Winlink RMS stations, voice repeaters, and deployable field assets. We host a weekly Winlink Net with hands-on training exercises and participate in a local RACES/ARES resource net.

Train — Connect — Serve

Join a team where your voice makes a difference when it matters most.

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected TCC Leaders

Every Temecula Citizen Corps (TCC) program depends on members who are willing to work behind the scenes: planning training, keeping equipment ready, sharing information, and helping neighbors prepare. In September, TCC members elected leaders to carry that work forward. David Bever and Angela Johnson were reelected to their positions; Craig Turner, Bob Hagel, and Yeshe Phang were elected to their new positions.

Craig Turner — Deputy Manager

As Deputy Manager, Craig will support the Manager and help coordinate TCC's programs and staff. The position calls for keeping track of what teams need, helping resolve problems, and making sure work continues across training, community events, and emergency activities.

David Bever — Training Chief

Reelected as Training Chief, David will continue helping plan and coordinate learning opportunities for TCC members. He works with instructors and program leaders to keep training practical and give volunteers opportunities to practice their skills.

Bob Hagel — Community Preparedness Coordinator

As Community Preparedness Coordinator, Bob will help residents build connections, share safety information, and work together on neighborhood concerns. Those everyday relationships can also help neighbors communicate and look out for one another when an emergency disrupts normal routines.

Craig Turner — Logistics Chief

Craig has also agreed to serve as Logistics Chief, filling a position that lacked a candidate for the position. He will help ensure that TCC's equipment and supplies are maintained, accounted for, and available for training, community events, and activations. We appreciate his willingness to take on this additional responsibility.

Yeshe Phang — Chief Radio Supervisor

As Communications Supervisor, Yeshe will support TCC's communications volunteers, equipment, and operating practices. Regular exercises and clear message handling help members stay ready to share information when it is needed most.

Angela Johnson — Social Outreach Officer

Reelected as Social Outreach Officer, Angela will continue helping residents learn about TCC's training, events, and volunteer opportunities. Her work helps turn community interest into participation and encourages more Temecula households to take practical steps toward preparedness.

A Team Effort

These positions make up half of TCC's staff team. Staff terms last two years, and the other half of the team will be up for election or re-election next September. This schedule provides continuity while giving members regular opportunities to serve.

The roles also depend on one another. Training needs equipment and communications support. Outreach introduces residents to classes and volunteer opportunities. Neighborhood connections help preparedness take root close to home. Together with the many members who teach, practice, organize, and volunteer, these leaders help TCC serve Temecula.

Please join us in congratulating Craig, David, Bob, Yeshe, and Angela. We thank them for the time and care they bring to their roles and for their commitment to helping our community prepare.

SUPPORT YOUR TEMECULA CITIZEN CORPS!



Donate to Friends of TCC
Your donation helps Temecula Citizen Corps better serve and prepare our community.

- ✓ Equip volunteers with vital gear and technology
- ✓ Fund specialized training programs
- ✓ Support innovative projects

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Scan the QR code or visit
<https://friendsoftcc.org/>



TCC Calendar

Notice re: TCC Business Meeting Minutes

Temecula Ready will no longer publish the TCC Business Meeting Minutes. The minutes are publicly available on the City of Temecula's "About TCC" web page (<https://temeculaca.gov/1580/About-TCC>). TCC members can also access them through the *Friends of TCC* sponsored *Slack workspace*.

Temecula Citizen Corps Calendar					Public Training @ Margarita Recreation Center Pre-register on website (https://rb.gy/9j3p6s)	
Month	3rd Tuesday Training	CERT Classes	Additional Training/Activities	Public Events	First Aid 8:30am-1:00pm	CPR/AED 6pm-10pm
October	Em Comm Training	Teen CERT 10/9/26 – 10/11/26 CRC	City Facilities Shake Out Drills* TBD	Rose Haven Garden Anniversary 10/17/26	10/3/26	10/5/26
November	No Training	Adult CERT 11/6/26 – 11/8/26 MRC			11/14/26	11/10/26 11/17/26
December	No Training		TCC Awards Banquet* TBD	Santa's Electric Parade 12/4/26	None	None
January	CPR/AED Certification*				TBD	TBD
February	First Aid Certification*				TBD	TBD
March		Teen CERT 3/12/27 – 3/14/27 CRC			TBD	TBD
April		Adult CERT 4/23/27 – 4/25/27 CRC		Temecula Rod Run 4/30/27	TBD	TBD

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Want more information?

Visit us online at [Temeculaca.gov/CitizenCorps](https://temeculaca.gov/CitizenCorps),
use the QR code, or
contact us at TemeculaCitizenCorps@gmail.com



Fall 2026 Teen CERT Class



BECOME A FORCE FOR GOOD.

CERT

TEMECULA

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

★ **BASIC COURSE - TEEN** ★

DATE: October 9-11, 2026

FRIDAY: 5:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY: 7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
SUNDAY: 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

*ALL DAYS MUST BE ATTENDED FOR CERTIFICATE
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