



# CERT NEWS

SMC FIRE CERT NEWSLETTER  
BELMONT FOSTER CITY SAN MATEO

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

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- National CERT Conference!!
- Update to SMC Alert
- FireWise Presentations - Spread the word!
- Santa at the Firehouse
- Stay Visible!
- Firefighters Toy Program

## SMCFD FIREFIGHTERS TOY DRIVE!

Our SMCDFD Firefighters are, once again, collecting donations of **New, Unwrapped Toys** for kids from 0 - 18 in our community. If you'd like to make a donation of new **toys** and/or **Gift Cards**, please put them in the **bins** located at every SMCDFD Fire Station before December 18th. Thank you!!

### Santa at FS 14!

Santa visits the Firehouse on **Thursday, December 8th!** CERT support is requested from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Fire Station 14. Details and [Sign Up on Neon](#), please.

## 2023 NATIONAL CERT CONFERENCE

It is official! After a competitive bidding process, the National CERT Association has granted us here in Northern California the honor of playing host to the **National CERT Conference!!!**

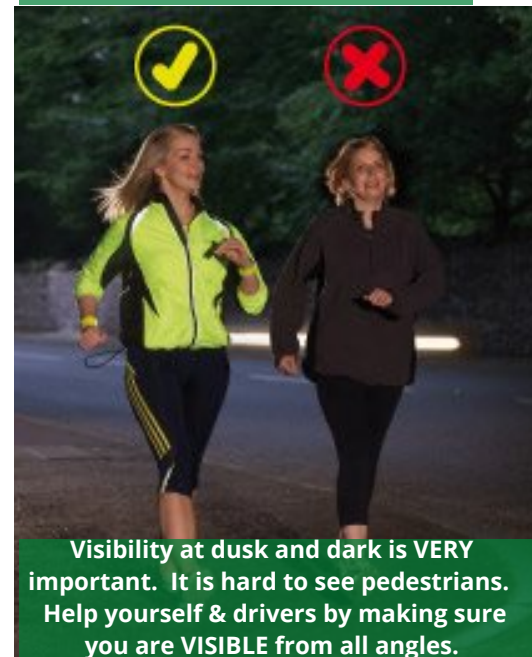
Mark your calendars for **June 26 - July 1**. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame!

A great opportunity to meet CERTs from all over the USA, show off our CERT programs, our hospitality, and our fantastic Northern California!

More info coming soon. But, please mark your new 2023 calendars!!!



**Santa at the Firehouse!  
Thursday, December 8th.**



**Visibility at dusk and dark is VERY important. It is hard to see pedestrians. Help yourself & drivers by making sure you are VISIBLE from all angles.**



**Some of our SMCDFD CERTs during  
Search & Rescue (CE) Training**





## Update to the SMC Alert - Action Needed:

### SMC Alert System Brings New Features

- An improved SMC Alert system brings new features for those who live, play, and work in San Mateo County, including maps, images and multiple images.
- The added capabilities are due to a new vendor, Rave, which replaces Everbridge.
- Current users are encouraged to create a new account to access the new features, but those who do not will continue to receive messages through their existing account.

**We urge all CERTs to create a new account** by logging onto [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info). Remember to select "CERT Trained" in your profile.



# FIREWISE USA®

RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

## CERT Help Requested . . .

As we now realize, living in a "city" doesn't automatically mean a wildfire can't move into our more urban neighborhood ... and devastate it!

We need your help to get our neighbors to attend our free **Firewise** Presentations. We'll be doing several of them over the next few weeks. One in-person in Belmont, and three on Zoom.

**Please email everyone you know (or post on your social media) about these free Firewise Presentations**, so we get the word out to as many of our neighbors as possible.

**On the 7th, we could still use a hand at a CERT Table promoting CERT, Zonehaven, SMC Alert, and Preparedness**, and we also need help at the BBQ, prepping hamburgers and such. Can you lend a hand? This is for the one on **Wednesday, December 7th in Belmont**. [Please register on Neon!](#)

If you know of a resident of San Mateo, Belmont, or Foster City who'd like to attend this free presentation, please ask them to register for their free ticket at: [smcfire.eventbrite.com](http://smcfire.eventbrite.com)



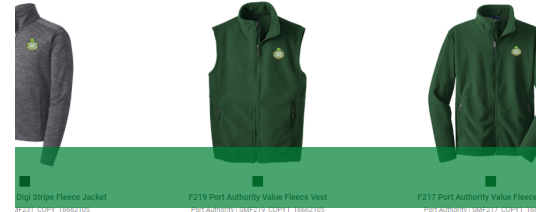
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### SMC FIRE CERT Online Store

Click this link for the regular CERT store:

**Online SMC CERT Store**

Password is: SmcCERT2019!



### It's EASY! CERT Ham Nets

*Looking to keep your communications skills fresh, and see who you can reach ... in case of a disaster?*

Licensed Amateur Radio Operators should check in at our monthly CERT Ham Nets - your city's and your neighbors:

**First Wednesday** 7 PM on 147.570 MHz  
PL 114.8 (Foster City)

**First Thursday** at 6:30 PM on 147.090 MHz PL 100 plus offset (Belmont)

**First Thursday** at 7 PM on 146.550 MHz  
PL 114.8 (San Mateo)

## CALENDAR

**Dec 1** - HAM Radio Net for CERTs in Belmont 6:30 PM & San Mateo 7 PM

**Dec. 5** - FIREWISE on Zoom (free presentation)

Register [smcfire.eventbrite.com](http://smcfire.eventbrite.com)

**Dec. 7** - HAM Radio Net for CERTs in Foster City 7 PM

**Dec. 7** - FIREWISE in-person presentation - Belmont Ask your neighbors to register at:

<https://smcfire.eventbrite.com>

**Dec. 8** - Santa at the Firehouse!  
[Register on Neon](#)

**Dec. 15** - FIREWISE on Zoom (free presentation)

**Dec. 17** - Breakfast with Santa at Fire Station 21.

Happy Holidays to all!