

CERT Competitive Events Webinar

October 22, 2014

**Individual and Community Preparedness
Division**



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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction – Natacha Vacroux, ICPD
- Northern Nevada CERT Rodeo – Stacey Belt, Carson City, NV and Shirlee Rhodes, Washoe County, NV
- Kansas City Regional CERT Rodeo – Mike O’Neal, Platte County Sheriff/Emergency Management and Jennifer Fales, KCMO Emergency Management
- Mississippi CERT Olympics – Dave Nichols, State of Mississippi
- Overview of CERT Competitive Event Resources – Natacha Vacroux, ICPD
- Facilitated Q&A Session



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Northern Nevada CERT Rodeo

Stacey Belt – Carson City, Nevada

Shirlee Rhodes – Washoe County, Nevada



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WELCOME



Event Date:
Saturday, May 10, 2014

1st Regional Rodeo

Western Nevada Counties and Tribes

- Carson City
- Tribal Liaisons
- CERT-i-fi-ABLES
- South Meadows
- CERT-IN-TEES
- Red Rock Rattlers
- North County
- Rail City Rescue



Our Supporters

- **Carson City Emergency Management**
- **Carson City Fire Department**
- **Douglas County Emergency Management**
- **East Fork Fire**
- **Nevada Department of Emergency Management (NDEM)**
- **Washoe County Sheriffs Office**

The Agenda

- **Games Begin at 10:30 AM**
- **Lunch between 11:45AM and 1:00 PM**

The teams rotated through each Station, 2 break periods and a lunch period

- **Games Conclude at 2:15 PM**
- **Winning Team Announced at 2:30**

Timing

	Team Build 1	Team Build 2	Triage	Search	BREAK	Fire	ICS	BREAK
<u>Team 1</u> <u>Carson City</u>	10:30		12:35	13:50	12:10	11:45	11:20	13:00
<u>Team 2</u> <u>Carson Colony</u>	11:05		10:30	12:10	11:45	13:00	12:35	13:25
<u>Team 3</u> <u>CERT-i-fi-ABLES</u>	11:40		10:55	13:00	12:10	13:25	10:30	11:20
<u>Team 4</u> <u>South Meadows</u>	12:15		13:25	11:20	11:45	13:50	10:55	10:30
<u>Team 5</u> <u>CERT-IN-TEES</u>		10:30	11:45	12:35	12:10	11:20	13:50	13:00
<u>Team 6</u> <u>Red Rock Rattlers</u>		11:05	13:50	10:30	11:45	12:35	12:10	13:00
<u>Team 7</u> <u>North County</u>		11:40	13:00	10:55	12:10	10:30	13:25	11:20
<u>Team 8</u> <u>Rail City Rescue</u>		12:15	11:20	13:25	11:45	10:55	13:00	10:30

The Games

- **Base Rules:**
 - Evaluators will give as much information as they can.
 - There is a brief scenario for each station
 - A new Team Leader must be chosen for each Station
 - Safety is always first
 - Have Fun

Fire Extinguisher

- **Station Objective:**
 - Evaluate the process for extinguishing a fire.
- **Station Description:**
 - This station allows teams to demonstrate communication, P.A.S.S. system and safety.

**A fun timed event for each team to 'speed' extinguish a fire, twice
Top 3 teams with best times received bonus points**



Interior Search

- **Station Objective:**
 - Evaluate plans for and approaches to conducting interior searches.
- **Station Description:**
 - Scene size-up and building safety
 - Systematic search of the Fire Tower, 1 room and stairwell on 4 floors, for injured victims.
 - Treatment is not part of this exercise.
 - As soon as all the victims have been located and assessed, the search teams return to Team Lead/IC and report on what they found.

PPE, scene size-up, buddy contact, building properly marked, organized search techniques, were all the victims found?

For each victim found the team got an additional point, 13 victims.



13 Victims:

5 Green

4 Yellow

3 Red

1 Black



Command Structure

- **Station Objective:**
 - Evaluate the process for establishing command and control utilizing the ICS system.
- **Station Description:**
 - This station allows teams to demonstrate decision-making process utilizing the incident command system.
 - The team will select an Incident Commander and Safety Officer. Additional team members will fill other roles: Scribe (Planning Section), Communications, Runners, etc.
 - The team will develop an incident action plan, document priorities, goals and actions. The Commander will conduct a briefing.

Triage

- **Station Objective:**

- Develop a process for assessing and prioritizing victim conditions.
- Document initial assessment/ triage

- **Station Description:**

- 17 victims geographically separated in a small field. The teams will decide on a team leader, triage process (2 teams of 2 assessing in the field, etc.) and additional team members can fill other roles; safety, documentation, runner, etc.

PPE, Clear team assignments, Safety, ‘can anyone hear my voice’, CERT team-member identifies themselves, victims properly tagged, documented actions

Bonus point for each properly triaged/tagged victim.



Team Building

- **Station Objective:**

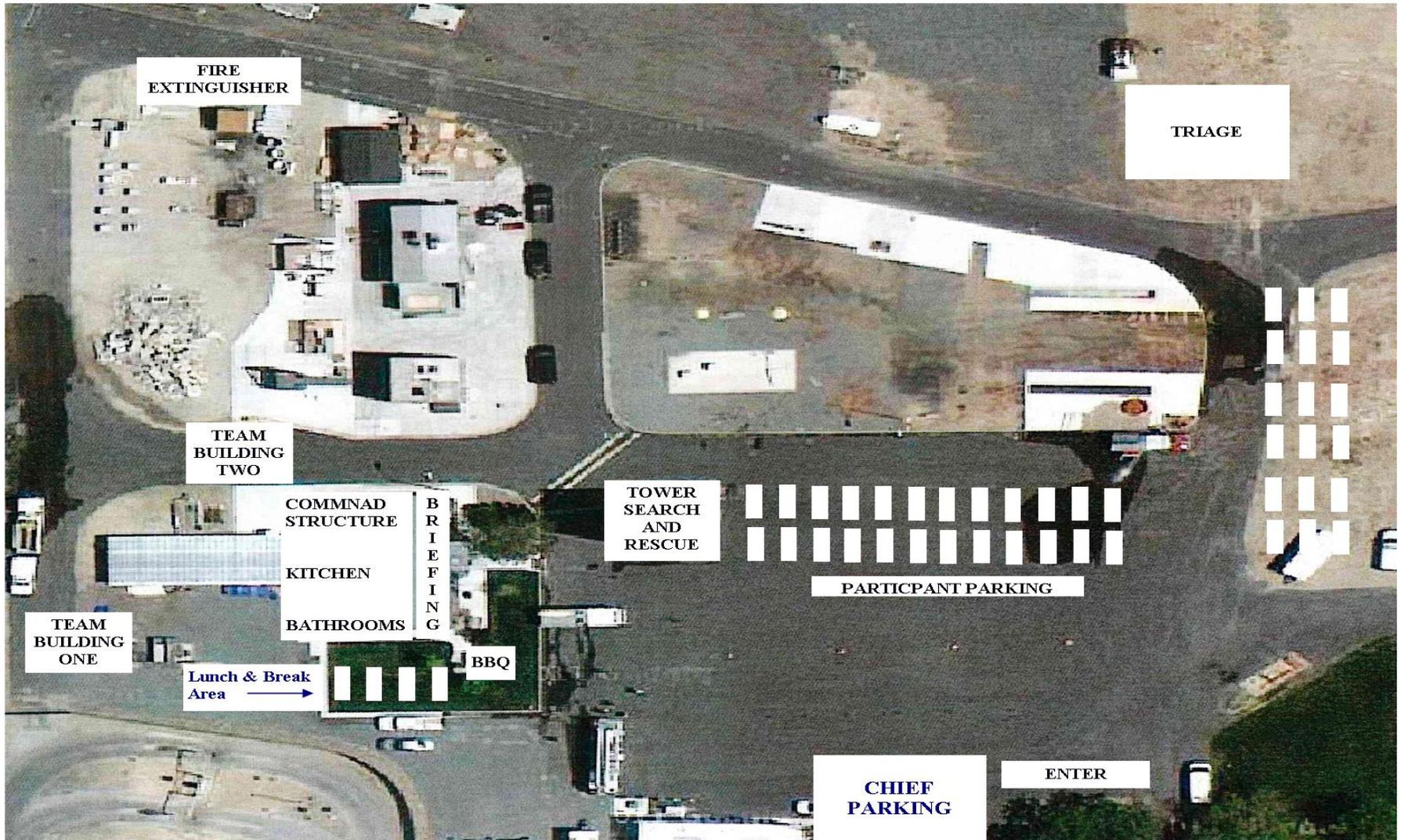
- This is a Team Building exercise to include, planning and communication.

- **Station Description:**

- This exercise is meant to be fun and foster an environment of communication and team work.
- The solution involves attaching the cords to the bungee loop, then guiding the bungee with the strings to sit around and grab the toxic waster bucket.
- Then with everyone pulling on their cord and with good coordination and care, the toxic waster bucket can be lifted, moved and tipped into the empty neutralizing bucket.
- If someone breaches the toxic waster zone, indicated by the circle, enforce an appropriate penalty e.g. loss of limbs (hands behind back) or function (e.g., closing eyes if head enters the hot zone) and those 'penalties' last the rest of the game.

Team Leader, develop a plan and COMMUNICATE!

The Map



SAFETY

- ASK QUESTIONS – Red Vests
- STAY NEAR THIS BUILDING WHEN NOT COMPETING
- REAL WORLD EMERGENCY
- WEATHER



Lessons Learned

- ***Time after each station for the Evaluator to discuss scoring and observations
- Hire or ask a volunteer to be the official photographer
- Dedicate specific volunteers as the food unit
- Allow more time in technical areas like the Search and Rescue and Triage and not as much time for Team Building
- Pair another skills based station with Fire Extinguisher, 2 stations in 1
- Evaluators cannot be CERT volunteers, each unit is trained just a little differently and evaluation must be objective.
- Learning, having fun, sharing ideas and collaboration

Questions



The Winning Team – Red Rock Rattlers

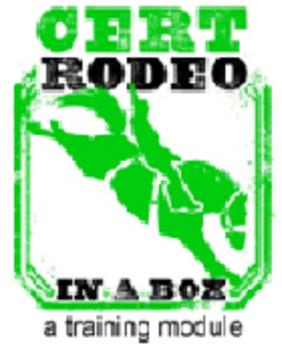
Kansas City Regional CERT Rodeo

**Mike O'Neal – Platte County Sheriff/Emergency
Management**

**Jennifer Fales – Kansas City, Missouri
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Conducting a CERT Rodeo

Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff / Emergency Management
and
Jennifer Fales, KCMO Emergency Management

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Our Role

- Mike O'Neal, Regional CERT Committee Chair
- Jennifer Fales, Regional Citizen Education Committee Co-Chair
- Both served as 2013 Rodeo Co-Chairs

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Why?

- CERT volunteers need a way to stay active in between disasters
- Provides a networking opportunity for regional volunteers
- Provides an avenue to learn additional skills and practice current capabilities



Timing

- You should give yourself 6 months or more to plan your first rodeo
- The more often you do it, the easier it gets



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Too Many Cooks Spoil the Soup

(and make a 2 hour meeting last all night)

- Form a small core planning team made up of coordinators/volunteers from participating teams. Assign additional personnel to subcommittees under the core's direction.
- Create an agenda for each meeting and stick to it. Defer unrelated topics to future meetings. You might be surprised how off topic things can go when you get a passionate group together.



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Make Some Key Decisions Early

- What day will you hold your rodeo
- Where will you hold the rodeo
- Who should you invite
- What is your budget
- What will your rodeo include
- Contingency plans



Use the Incident Command System (ICS)

- Using ICS to plan for and manage the rodeo provides....
 - Coordination and documentation of activities
 - The organizational structure for event management
 - An opportunity to practice ICS before a real incident



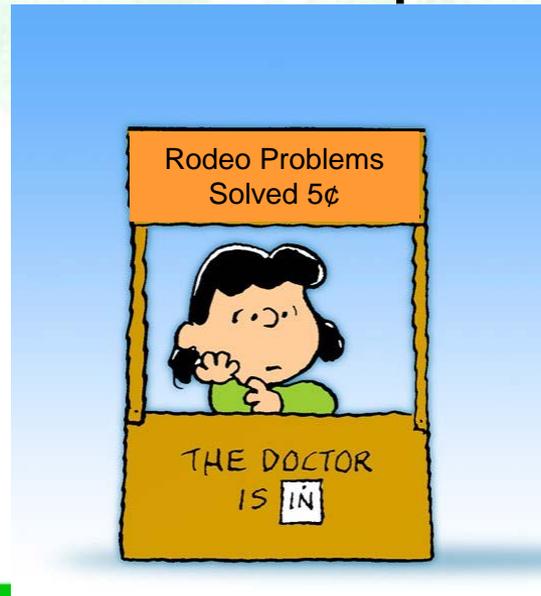
Despite Best Efforts

- Unanticipated weather
- Late deliveries of food
- Bad attitudes
- Misinformation
- Nonfunctioning equipment
- Anything else that can go wrong, probably will...



Designate Troubleshooters

- That have the authority and ability to make quick decisions
- Can identify and head off problems as they arise



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Try It, You'll Like It

- If funding is low, you can still put a really good rodeo for little to no costs
- You might be surprised who rises to the occasion when you need them to
- Participants don't really notice the little things that the planners think went wrong



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Benefits Far Outweigh Negatives

- Volunteers are generally grateful for the opportunity (although you can't please everybody)
- Your team will function better in a real emergency
- You'll gain experience managing a large scale event



Resources

- CERT Rodeo in a Box manual and training videos

http://www.preparemetrokc.org/Get_Involved/certrodeo.asp

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Any Questions?

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Mississippi CERT Olympics

Dave Nichols - State of Mississippi



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Mississippi Cert Olympics



Best time of year

- **Summer** (easier for teams to schedule)
- **Winter** (most schools have a longer winter break.)
- **Spring** (spring break week and (Easter break)
- **Fall** (competing with football)



Teams

- How many teams? (we do up to 10)
- How Many per team? (must have at least 5 and no more than 10 members)
- Housing (if a team is traveling more than 45 miles we pay for housing)



Vendors

- Invite vendors
- Ask them for items to put into goodie bag for participants.
- We also give a T-shirt to all participants.
- We include vendors in our meals.



Meals

- Friday - Snacks at registration
- Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Sunday – Breakfast
- Make sure you have plenty of water on hand during competition. Can also have snacks. (WE PAY FOR ALL MEALS)



Location

- Best if housing is on site.
- If housing is not on site can you provide transportation?
- If statewide, best if centrally located.



Length

- Friday (early registration and social)
- Saturday (training and competition)
- Sunday (awards and evaluations)



Training

- Crowd Control
- Pets and disasters
- CPR/AED refresher
- Working with the disabled
- Outdoor search and rescue



Events

- Triage
- Cribbing
- Building search
- Fire Safety
- Treatment area
- Haz. Mat awareness
- Rescue
- Incident Command



Judging

- You need to have a judge at all events
- Local law enforcement
- Local Fire
- Statewide EMA



Safety

- Have a safety officer
- Have a first aid area
- Have a code word for real world emergency. (we like pineapple)



Awards

- Certificates for all participants
- Certificates for all sponsors
- Trophies or medals for winning teams
- Each event has a Gold, Silver & Bronze
- Add up scores of all events for overall Gold, Silver & Bronze winners.



Publicity

- Invite local newspaper, radio and T.V.
- Have participants sign photo release in advance
- Clear with your State Agency.



Questions

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Competitive Events Resources

- Resources in the FEMA library: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/27997>. [Search for “Community Emergency Response Team Drills and Exercises”]
- Includes overviews and specific guidance on how to plan and organize competitive events, including how to prepare specific stations, including:
 - Fire Suppression Relay
 - Triage
 - Interior Search
 - Lifting and Cribbing
 - Victim Carries
 - Hazard Identification
 - Splinting and Bandaging
 - CERT Jeopardy
 - Exterior Search and Triage



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Competitive Events Resources

- Sample templates and forms include:
 - Team Registration Form
 - Facilitator/Evaluator Briefing
 - Sign-In Sheets
 - Exercise Schedule
 - Feedback Forms for Facilitators, Evaluators, and Participants
 - Score Sheets for Each Station
- We encourage programs to use these resources as a starting point, and to customize content to fit the needs of their communities and programs



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Questions?

Thank you for participating today!



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