Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District

May 12, 2014

To: Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District CERT members

Subject: CERT clarification

In the past several months there have been some changes affecting the CERT program sponsored by the Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District (JCFPD). This letter will serve to clarify any confusion that has arisen from the changes.

In general, the JCFPD CERT program is in the process of rebuilding. The former CERT program manger and volunteer liaison have resigned from their respective positions with the JCFPD.

I will focus on several key points of clarification.

- The JCFPD CERT program is the only County authorized, recognized and sanctioned CERT program in the Julian Cuyamaca area. CERT programs have to be sanctioned by the County Office of Emergency Services to be recognized by the State Office of Emergency Services and FEMA.

- Sheana Fry is the JCFPD CERT Program Manager and Brian Kramer is the Assistant Program Manager. Both report to the Chief of the JCFPD and work under the authority of the JCFPD.

- All training, certificates, and DSWV identification cards issued by the previous Program Manager and Volunteer Liaison are still valid. DSW cards will be valid until the expiration date shown on the card.

- Any and all activations will occur under the JCFPD Chief's approval and CERT members will only be notified by Sheana Fry or Brian Kramer. This includes all training, fund raisers, and emergencies.

- CERT members are covered under the State Disaster Service Workers Volunteer (DSWV) insurance ONLY while working on a sanctioned and sponsored CERT program such as the JCFPD CERT. CERT programs must be sponsored by a public safety agency such as JCFPD to qualify for DSWV workers compensation insurance.

We have a meeting scheduled for June 25, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Julian Library. The intent of the meeting is to answer any further questions and share our plan to get the JCFPD CERT moving in a positive direction.

Sincerely,
Rick Marinelli
Chief, JCFPD