



Do know radio communications?
Or how about Search and Rescue?

DBERT is holding a training session on 11/5/16 at 190 Oceana Dr. from 4 p.m. to 5:30 pm.

Come to participate or observe
A wine and cheese debriefing follows

RSVP at
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Dear Neighbor,

Eight years ago a small group of Dillon Beach residents got together and founded the Dillon Beach Emergency Response Team (DBERT). We did so because it was apparent that our area did not have a community-wide emergency response plan in the event of an earthquake, tsunami or fire. DBERT now has 36 active members and the roster continues growing.

From the beginning, we knew that communications and training were keys to preparing our community for a natural disaster. We set out to build a mailing list and produce an e-newsletter. This is DBERT's second edition. The newsletter will help you stay informed about our emergency planning and suggest how you might help. Right now DBERT would like you to spread the word. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our newsletter, please [forward this message to a friend](#). They can also [subscribe to the newsletter here](#).

In January 2011, we were granted (501)(c)(3) non-profit charitable status. This was a major step in acquiring funding. DBERT has been fortunate to receive several grants from Marin County, the Sheriff's Department, the Oceana Marin Association and numerous individual contributors. This has allowed us to remain on track with goals and objectives in DBERT's Business Plan.

We have built five emergency sheds and stocked them with disaster equipment and supplies. We mailed out "okay" and "help" signage with instructions on how to use them and locations of Dillon Beach residents nearest sheds.

If you'd like this information, email us at dillonbeachert@gmail.com.

These sheds and these signs are integral parts of our community's disaster preparation.



Make important information about you and your family available to 1st responders. Go to <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/fr/divisions/emergency-medicalservices>

So what is the first step in an emergency? It is crucial that you evaluate your personal situation. Once you determine that you, your family, and dwelling are safe from danger, you are able to help others.

If you'd like to help, check in at your assigned shed to be processed.

DBERT continues to work on four main objectives:

- Education and community outreach
- Emergency response training
- Maintaining an emergency plan to respond to an earthquake, tsunami or major fire based on training
- Fundraising to pay for emergency supplies and equipment

Most DBERT members have taken courses in HAM radio operations, CPR, general first aid and CERT training. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. DBERT is essentially a CERT organization. CERT training includes basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. We encourage you to take the next local CERT training on January 7 and 14, 2017 at the Tomales Elementary School on Johns St. A flyer is available at www.getreadydb.com.

In September 2016, DBERT completed its Emergency Plan Version 2.04. It describes the process and procedures that will be implemented in the event Dillon Beach has major damage from natural disasters. It includes job descriptions, team structure, communication procedures and needed equipment and supplies. It is posted on the DBERT Web site and can be downloaded. DBERT provides on-going training to its members which often results in changes to our Emergency Plan. The drills teach us what does and doesn't work and then we modify the plan as needed.

Come to our next General Membership meeting on November 5, 2016 at 190 Oceana Drive at 4 p.m. There will be refreshments during our training debriefing.

And visit us at our new website at: www.getreadydb.com