

29Sep2017 Safety Team report to BOD

Recognition and Thanks to Loretta Date

and all Spontaneous Volunteers at the DBR Shakeout on 22Sep2017

During the 22Sep2017 DBR Shakeout, there were 14 CERT folks, 4 non-CERT Medical Team folks, and 14 “victims” – roughly a third of the park played one of these roles. You may have noticed a 4th group of people, led by Loretta Date – who was stationed at the South end of the Ramada under a big sign that read “VOLUNTEERS CHECK-IN”. That crew was trained ahead of time by Loretta to take on one of many tasks deemed critical by the Safety Team: shut off the park’s propane tanks, water valves, and breaker boxes. This crew’s efforts might

- prevent loss of well water from breaks in the lines
- prevent an explosion from a propane tank
- protect someone from electrocution after a major quake

Loretta is a member of the Safety Team, and since nearly every single Safety Team member is also a CERT member, Loretta took it upon herself to organize the “Spontaneous Volunteers” (which is a misnomer, since folks need advance training – but it seems to have stuck). Loretta trained the crew so that they knew exactly what she meant when she handed someone a card with instructions (and a key, if necessary) and said “go do this and come back to me when you are finished, so I can give you another job”. Of course in the Shakeout exercise, no one actually shut anything off – it was a matter of finding the valve or breaker box, touching it, and reporting back to Loretta.

Once the DBR valves, tanks, and breaker boxes are shut off, the crew members go street by street, verifying that everything is also shut off on each residential lot. And after THAT, volunteers are needed to help out with transporting victims to the medical treatment area, or assisting the Medical Team.

Thank you Loretta – your efforts resulted in a smoothly-run crew! You had it DOWN! Crew members at the Shakeout were: CJ Stevens, Sharon Tyner-Tiffée, Linda Creatore, Joan Gardner, Marion Head, Kathy Angeloro, Fran Patrick, and Anne Lizborne. Those 8 people took the time to learn their individual jobs with Loretta – this meant they acted quickly at the Shakeout, and we thank them for their time and efforts.

At the moment, three things are needed:

1. Loretta is a Summer resident, so we need a full-time resident to take over her role as leader and coordinator of this crew. Ideally, this role would be shared by at least 2-3 people, so that the odds are good that at least one person will be in the park when a disaster hits.
2. Only 4 of the 8 volunteers are full-time; we need more people to step up over the Winter, because these jobs are critical to our survival after the quake stops.
3. Each volunteer should learn to do ALL of the tasks, so that no matter when the quake hits ... (see #1).

So please volunteer with this crew – or expect a knock on your door sometime soon!

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