

# OES ALERTS

Milpitas Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services

## OES Bulletin:



Welcome to our first addition of OES Alerts. My name is Toni Charlop, and I have worked for the City for the last 8 years, and have spent the last 9 months acting as the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Coordinator. I was born and raised in Milpitas, so Milpitas is home to me. I have a personal interest in keeping the City of Milpitas, its citizens, and community prepared for an emergency! My goal is to bring you a monthly newsletter with updates on all the exciting, fun, educational and informational events coming up through the OES. This will include information on community events, Strategic Action For Emergencies (SAFE), the Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), and all other venues for emergency preparedness in the Milpitas Community.

**EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS IS  
A TEAM SPORT.**



## Upcoming OES Events:

- 4/21—SAFE Leaders Meeting
- 4/30—Commissioner's Luncheon
- 5/18—SAFE Leaders Meeting
- 5/18—SAFE Hands On Training
- 5/19—EPC Commission Meeting
- 5/21—Milpitas Food Festival
- 5/22—Milpitas Food Festival, EPC Hosted Booth
- 6/15—SAFE Leaders Meeting
- 7/15—SAFE Leaders Meeting
- 8/4 — National Night Out
- 8/13, 20 & 27—SAFE New Member Class & Graduation



## Social Media: the Role it Plays in Disaster Prep.

Social media is an ever changing beast. By the time you get your Facebook account updated this evening, everyone else is "IG-ing" or "snapchatting" and the picture of your dog in a tire swing is no longer being "liked". However, what have become "the old faithful" social media platforms—Facebook, twitter, etc. are still a reliable source for getting local real-time emergency/disaster information. The City of Milpitas has a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Follow these outlets for disaster information within Milpitas. Additionally, the Milpitas Police Department hosts Nixle and NextDoor for local, current crime information. Lastly, if social media just isn't your thing, try AlertSCC.org. It's as simple as owning a cell phone that receives texts. You can do this two ways—go to AlertSCC.org and set up your account, OR email me your name and cell phone number and I will enter it into the Milpitas emergency notification system.

Follow the City of Milpitas at:



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## Letter From the Chief:

I would like to first say that I hope everyone enjoys this newsletter and hope that you find its information helpful for not only your own personal emergency preparedness, but your localized community—be it your church, temple, neighborhood, sports team, or workplace. Emergencies can happen at anytime. The Office of Emergency Services has a multitude of programs to better serve and prepare you for when the unexpected happens.

*Robert Mihovich, Milpitas Fire Chief*



Interested in FREE training for emergency preparedness?  
Want to know what resources lie within your neighborhoods?

### Strategic Action For Emergencies

Did you know that there are over 200 SAFE Team trained members in the Milpitas community? SAFE is a FREE emergency preparedness program created to teach Milpitas residents to save lives and reduce property damage. Most people think the Fire Dept. or police will come if they need help in an emergency. However, in reality, depending on the severity, it could take days for first responders to arrive. Which means you need to better prepare yourself to work with your family and neighbors, and learn what resources can be found in your immediate neighborhood. Contact me to find out about the upcoming SAFE Class.

And, for those of you who are already members of SAFE, OES is looking to add new leadership. If you are interested in helping to shape the program and bring in new ideas, please contact the Office of Emergency Services.

#### Milpitas Business Corner

As interim Coordinator of OES, I am constantly seeking out business relationships to better ensure that when an emergency hits, I can provide the best resources in a timely manner to take care of my Milpitas community. If you are interested in getting on an emergency call out list, please contact me. I would like to thank the vendors I currently work with:

Home Depot  
Orchard Supply  
Grocery Outlet  
Republic Services  
Preston Pipeline  
PG&E



#### Emergency Education Resources:

Christ Community Church is hosting 5 FREE CPR classes\* through the American Red Cross, providing a 2-year certification.

Classes run Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm.  
April 23  
June 25  
July 23  
Sept. 24  
Oct. 15

Contact Betty Reutter for availability at  
[cidrm@cccmilpitas.org](mailto:cidrm@cccmilpitas.org)  
Or  
(408) 219-4491

\*These classes are not affiliated with the Milpitas Fire Dept.