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CERT Volunteers Recognized for Oil Spill Response

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The Santa Barbara County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Committee and California Volunteers will be recognizing CERT volunteers that assisted in the Refugio Oil Spill Incident. The event will be held on Friday July 10, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue.

Between Friday May 21st and and June 5th CERT volunteers gave of their time conducting traffic control at Refugio and El Captain State Beaches, posting fishery and beach closure signs, utilized in the County's Emergency Operation Center and were instrumental in the oiled beach cleanup and much more. This was the first time in Santa Barbara County history that CERTs were used for this type of incident.

Also, on Memorial Day over 30 CERTs attended a four hour class on setting up a volunteer response center and then attended another four hours in health and safety training. While another 20 CERTs were added in the next week to assist with registration and oiled beach cleanup. CERT volunteers came from throughout the County; including, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Goleta, UCSB, Santa Barbara City, Carpinteria, Solvang and Buellton. The CERT teams contributed over 500 hours of volunteer time to the Refugio Oil Spill Incident.

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