

Kailua Community Emergency Response Team

A Volunteer Disaster Response Team

WELCOME

Aloha and Welcome to the Kailua Community Emergency Response Team! We are excited you are interested in training with us.

MISSION

The mission of Kailua CERT is to activate the Kailua Operations Center and mobilize CERTs and licensed amateur radio operators to save lives in response to a major tsunami or hurricane should one impact Kailua.

HISTORY

Kailua residents are taking an assertive approach to all-hazard preparedness, response and recovery.

As a result of the Tohoku, Japan earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, the Kailua Neighborhood Board's committee on Public Health, Public Safety, and Civil Defense designated the Kailua Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee to address disaster preparedness. The KDPSC developed the Kailua Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and was instrumental in Kailua becoming the first city in Hawaii to be designated as a Storm Ready / Tsunami Ready community. In addition, Kailua was recognized by Hawaii Emergency Management Agency under its Hawaii Hazard Awareness and Resiliency Program.

In September 2013, Kailua became the first community on Oahu to form a CERT. We were also first to develop a comprehensive Disaster Response Plan whereby we enhanced CERT standards to incorporate the rescue and care of mass casualties in a major disaster. We invite neighboring communities wanting to start a CERT to participate with us.

In September 2015, Kailua Alert & Prepared (KAP) was organized as an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by members from the Kailua CERT and Kailua Neighborhood Board. KAP has a three-fold mission that helps Kailua residents prepare for all-hazard events by: 1) promoting all-hazard preparedness; 2) Equipping Kailua-based response and recovery groups; and 3) coordinating the distribution of essential and life-saving resources during the recovery phase of an event.

TRAINING

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except June and December), from 6:30 – 8:30 pm usually in the Adventist Health Castle (formerly Castle Medical Center) auditorium. At our monthly meetings, we train in CERT skills, learn from guest speakers, and have FUN! We conduct an annual full exercise that incorporates all facets of CERT operations – incident management, search and rescue, disaster medical, and amateur radio operations. As opportunities arise, we may also participate in state and military training exercises.