

September Update - 2016

It's been a busy time since the May update. In addition to the monthly training meetings we completed two Basic Courses gaining 23 new members, participated in public outreach events and did some needed modifications to the CERT trailer.



One of the modifications resulted from lessons learned at the firefighter rehab exercise in March. The trailer's interior lights didn't work so we used flashlights to find what we needed from the trailer. Now, the lights will now be powered by two 12-volt batteries mounted to the trailer in a solar-powered battery case. Those who have seen the trailer may remember it as very bland looking with a couple of faded Pima County logos on the side. By the time the trailer appears in the White Elephant Parade on October 29th it will be dressed up with bright a CERT logo on its sides.

An unusual public outreach event was the Raytheon Safety and Security Fair on September 26th. GGV CERT volunteers staffed booths at two of Raytheon's locations: Hermans Rd (near the airport) and Rita Rd (east of I-10). The monsoon weather didn't cooperate so the outdoor location at Hermans Rd was a bust but indoors at the Rita Rd plant was more successful. Sorry, it's a classified facility, so photography was not allowed and I can't tell you anything more, or you know what.