

Mayor's Monthly Message: January 2020

We are starting out the first month of the New Year with exciting news from our Fire Department. They have become a Premier Level EMA Agency, which is a prestigious recognition and received their certificate. The Town has met the new 2018 standards, which many agencies have not yet met. Currently, there are 60 agencies that have their certification based on the 2009 standards. However, the total is much smaller for those who have received the certification based on the 2018 standards. There is a very elite group who has earned this special designation. There are several criteria factors that are considered in becoming a Premier EMA Agency.

This past year, a highly successful Community Emergency Response Team (or "C.E.R.T. Team") was implemented. The C.E.R.T. Team accompanies our emergency response professionals to calls and trainings in which their resources, skills, and training create a safer environment for all. We will be providing our 2nd CERT course in January. Dates will be as follows:

Week 1 – Mon Jan 6, Wed Jan 8

Week 2 – Mon Jan 13, Wed Jan 15

Week 3 – Mon Jan 20, Wed Jan 22

Week 4 – Mon Jan 27, Wed Jan 29

Final Day – Saturday Feb 1, or Saturday Feb 8 depending upon Maricopa CERT availability. The trainings will be held at the Community Center starting time around 6:00 p.m. If you have questions or need more information please email: cert@florenceaz.gov

I'd like to invite everyone to come on down to Main St. and participate in The 3rd Friday Event. This takes place on the third Friday of every month, as Historic Main Street businesses stay open late and have amazing specials for the evening. This month, a live band and food vendors will be present.

This Saturday, January 25, 2020, starting at 7:00 am, we will have our third annual Florence Makes a Difference Day. Approximately five projects for volunteers in the community to participate in. Participants will receive their assignment and assist with items such as cleaning, painting, picking up trash, digging, planting etc. These projects will be recognized by town citizens, and visitors. Want to Make a Difference? Contact Ali Feliz at (520) 868-7585 or alison.feliz@florenceaz.gov

As always, there are great things happening in Florence, AZ. We have the best community and people! Stay safe and enjoy. 😊

Sincerely,

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