



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

October 13, 2023

## City of Merced Fire Department Town Hall Meetings

The Merced City Fire Department is hosting a series of town hall meetings to present information and gather community feedback about the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) fee schedule, specifically Ambulance Transport and First Responder Fees.

The City is currently considering the development of an updated EMS fee schedule to support expanded emergency medical services and improvement to the quality of EMS care in the City of Merced, as well as support services in Merced County.

Fire Chief Derek Parker presented information about the fee structure and invited community feedback. For more information about EMS fees, visit [engage.cityofmerced.org](http://engage.cityofmerced.org).






## Merced Fire Department to Host Second Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training

Merced Fire Department will host its second Community Emergency Response Team training program starting October 17<sup>th</sup>. Participation in the CERT training program will prepare community members to support first responders during disasters.


Training schedule consists of eight sessions over four weeks. For more information, visit <https://www.cityofmerced.org/.../cert-community-emergency...> or, scan the QR code.





**Merced Fire Department**  
Proudly Serving Since 1873

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
Basic Training




Now is your opportunity to become a trained member of "CERT", the Merced Fire Department's Community Preparedness Program. Participants in this 24-hour series of classes will learn how to be a part of neighborhood response teams and cross-trained in basic emergency skills. Each class emphasizes skills that will be practiced during a hands-on skills and exercise session.

<p><b>Tuesday, October 17, 2023</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Disaster Awareness, CERT Organization and Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster types, history, and probability</li> <li>• How to prepare before it happens</li> <li>• What to do when a disaster strikes</li> <li>• CERT Incident Command System; where CERT Fits in</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, October 19, 2023</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Fire Safety &amp; Utility Control</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural gas, water, and electrical controls</li> <li>• Types of fire &amp; use of extinguishers to put fire out</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 24, 2023</b> at Golden Valley High School <b>Medical Part I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat Life Threatening Conditions</li> <li>• Triage – Public Health Considerations</li> <li>• Disaster Medical Operations</li> <li>• Establishing Treatment Areas</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, October 26, 2023</b> at Golden Valley High School <b>Medical Part II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head-to-toe assessments</li> <li>• Operating the airway</li> <li>• Stopping bleeding and controlling shock</li> <li>• Triage, burns, fractures, and other injuries</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday, October 30, 2023</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Light Search and Rescue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different types of construction and where to look for damage: building marking system</li> <li>• Interior search patterns</li> <li>• Lifting heavy objects and mechanical advantage</li> <li>• Victim safe lifts and carries</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 7, 2023</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Disaster Psychology, CERT Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster Psychology</li> <li>• Communications 101</li> <li>• Composing emergency messages</li> <li>• Hands on practice with FRS Radios</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, November 9, 2023</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Terrorism &amp; Refresh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Terrorism?</li> <li>• Terrorist targets</li> <li>• Preparing at home and work</li> <li>• Refresh for "Skills Day"</li> </ul>	<p><b>**Saturday, November 11, 2023**</b> at Fire Station No. 51 <b>Skills Development &amp; Application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extinguish fires</li> <li>• Triage and treating victims</li> <li>• Extricating victims trapped by heavy timbers</li> <li>• Interior search for reported missing persons</li> <li>• Course Review – Graduation Ceremony</li> </ul>

Classes will be held at the City of Merced's Fire Station #51 (99 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St.) and at Merced's Golden Valley High School (2121 E. Childs Ave.) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The last class, **\*\*Skills Development & Application\*\***, will be held at Fire Station #51 on Saturday, November 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**FREE!** To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3L1U3QC> **FREE!**





## Sign up for Run/Walk for the Rail

The Parks & Community Services Team invites you to participate and support the first *Gateway to Yosemite 5K/10K Run*.

This inaugural event will support local nonprofits that will dedicate proceeds to an amenity in our local parks. This year's race will help the Kiwanis of Greater Merced and efforts to restore the train and railroad at Applegate Park's Kiddieland.

The train at Kiddieland is a historic attraction in Merced and serves thousands of families yearly.

Run for the Rail will occur on Sunday, November 19th, at 7:30 a.m. The start and finish will be in front of Bob Hart Square on Main Street. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Join the Parks and Community Services Team and "Run for the Rail" at this year's *Gateway to Yosemite 5K/10K Run*.

Visit the following link to register: <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/CA/Merced/GatewaytoYosemite10k5k>

**GATEWAY TO YOSEMITE**  
5K 10K  
**RUN/WALK**

**RUN FOR THE RAIL**  
A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAIN AT  
**Kiddieland**

**SUNDAY  
NOV. 19  
7:30 AM**

**5K ROUTE**

10K route includes  
out-and-back  
along Bear Creek  
Bike Path

Start and Finish near  
Bob Hart Square

MERCED COUNTY  
Office of  
Education  
Steve M. Torgler, S.E.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools

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SERVICES

Kiwanis  
Club of Greater Merced

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## Mayors Ball Raises Over \$21,000 to Support Local Nonprofits

Today, Mayor Matthew Serratto and Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce members held a check presentation ceremony on the steps of the Merced Civic Center to announce the fundraising impact of this year's Mayor's Ball. The Hispanic Chamber-sponsored event, held in August of this year, raised money to support Club 67 and Sacred Rok. Each organization received a check for \$10,744.00.

### Club 67

Founded by Elisabete Dobbins, Club 67 provides a safe and fun place for special needs individuals 18 and over. The organization hosts dance parties for the special needs community members across Merced County.

### Sacred Rok

Sacred Rok has been mentoring local youth for over 14 years. The Yosemite-based organization leads trips to Yosemite and the Eastern Sierra for underserved local young people to experience the healing benefits of the outdoors.





## Merced PD Supports 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s

The Merced Police Department recently participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association **Walk to End Alzheimer's®** is the world's largest event, which raises awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. The walk is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide. Each year, local communities encourage participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

According to the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s – Merced County website, 199 participants participated in this year’s event, “Fighting for a Different Future,” which raised \$56,143.00.

The Merced Police Department Explorers assisted with set up and cheered for participants during the walk. For more information, visit [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org)



## PD Attends Merced County Health Fair

Last weekend, the Merced Police Department attended the Merced Community Health Fair hosted by Central California Alliance for Health!



## Community Conversations

This week, Interim Merced Police Chief Craig Gunlach talked about the positive impact the incoming Chief of Police will have on our community. Tune in Saturday morning between 7 and 9 am.



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3RD ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS

# TRUNK or TREAT CAR SHOW

Eventbrite

SPACE IS LIMITED,  
REGISTER NOW!



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT APPLGATE PARK AND ZOO  
Saturday, Oct 28th • 10AM-2PM  
611 W. 22ND St. Merced CA 95340

vehicle registration  
\$25 until 10/16  
after deadline \$30

Adult & Child Costumes welcome  
CANDY-GAMES-MUSIC-FOOD VENDORS  
&MORE!

Vendor Registration \$25

