



April 2013

*Neighbors Helping
Neighbors...*

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

April 10, Fire Station 1.Srg.
Shawn Richards - Jackson
County Sheriff's Office.
Topic: JC Search & Rescue.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

April 24, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.



Ready Neighbor News

Faces of Ashland CERT

Ashland CERT would like to introduce Dustin Wenke for the April 2013 campaign "Faces of Ashland CERT." The Faces of Ashland CERT campaign highlights a new Ashland CERT member each month. The campaign strives to build relationships among members who cannot regularly attend meetings and other functions, but have a willingness and passion for staying involved with the CERT community.

This campaign also hopes to bring light on CERT and the volunteers to those not involved with CERT in the Ashland community. Member profiles allow the reader a unique perspective into the volunteer organization in a hopes of drawing in new recruits. By providing community members with a basic training experience CERT creates more man-power and lessens adverse impacts on first responders in large scale incidents.

Dustin Wenke is a new member following the completion of basic training last fall. He is grateful for his training experience and has taken an active role in the functions of CERT. Dustin recently completed the managing spontaneous volunteers, CERT driver, and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) trainings.



Let's get to know
DUSTIN LEE WENKE;
age 33...

Where are you from and when did you move to Ashland?: **My wife and I moved from Eugene Oregon in 2010. I am from Eugene, and my wife is from Ashland originally.**

What attracted you to Ashland?: **I have always thought that Ashland was a beautiful place and worked here during the spring, summer and early fall, out in the Coleston Valley. What ultimately brought me here was a job with Southern Oregon University.**

What is/was your career?: **I work as a custodian at SOU, but I hope to move into maintenance and then management. Right now I am just working hard and keeping my fingers crossed.**

Faces of Ashland CERT - continued...

Hobbies, interests, favorite movie, food, etc?: **My hobby is breeding reptiles. I have bred reptiles for over 15 years. I mostly focus on small boas including different species of sand boa and rosy boas, but lately I have been working with some ball python morphs. My favorite movie changes from time to time, but right now I really like *The Devil's Carnival*. I also love music. My favorite genres are Hip-Hop and older Heavy Metal, but I will listen to anything except new country and reggae.**

How did you first learn about Ashland CERT?: **I first learned of CERT from a pamphlet at the college.**

What did you like best about the CERT basic training?: **I enjoyed all of the CERT basic training, but in my opinion the best part was leading my own team in the final drill.**

What do you find most interesting about Ashland CERT?: **The most interesting part of CERT besides the wealth of information and opportunities is the people. I have met people that come from all walks of life, different ages, men, women, different backgrounds, but all wanting to do what they can to ensure their communities safety.**

Why did you choose to be a CERT member?: **I chose to be a member because I wanted to make sure that if I was put in a bad situation my wife and I could rely on the decisions that I make to ensure our safety. After attending the trainings that I have so far, my reason has evolved into something that encompasses more than just mine and my wife's safety. It has developed a deeper bond with my community as well as a clearer path to my goals in life.**

What other programs in the Ashland community do you support?: **I am not directly involved with any other programs in the Ashland community. As far as supporting a program, I would like to be more involved with helping the less fortunate whether that is people or animals.**

What do you like best about the community?: **What I like best about this community is that people seem to understand that they have to put in effort to reach the greater good. Sometimes that just involves voting in a prepared food tax or sometimes a sacrifice of a large vehicle. In other words, those that can help will help and those receiving help are genuinely appreciative of said help.**

Anything else you would like to add?: **I appreciate the opportunities that have been presented to me during my active CERT membership, and I will continue to better myself through hard work and become an even greater asset to my community.**

The CERT community is blessed to have dedicated volunteers like Dustin willing and ready to aid Ashland and beyond when needed. Next time you see Dustin say hello and thank him for being a Face of Ashland CERT in 2013.

Global Youth Service Day!

This global movement seeks to empower students through leadership, volunteerism, and community building. Over 100 countries spread across six continents are dedicated to celebrating this service event which promotes service through youth as change agents in their communities. Global Youth Service Day is the only day of service dedicated to children and youth.

The goal is to engage youth at every step with the hope of putting them on the path of life-long service and civic engagement through positive meaningful involvement in their communities.

Global Youth Service Day - April 26 - 28, 2013

Promote a service project idea and engage local youth in awareness, advocacy, or philanthropic activities. Areas of education, health, human rights, and the environment are great starting points. Consider high-impact projects aimed at public awareness and issues faced locally where youth can provide service to support positive outcomes and achievement.



"aCERT yourself" ~ Public Awareness Training Opportunity

Ashland CERT is excited to announce a special awareness training open to the public. Ashland CERT is a recent recipient of the 2012 State Homeland Security Grant. Grant funding has been provided to strengthen and sustain resource capabilities to achieve national preparedness goals. CERT will offer a unique awareness event coined "aCERT yourself" which aims to educate and enhance collaboration, communication, and coordination locally to aid in prevention, protection, response, and recovery during disasters. aCERT yourself invites all members of the community to partake Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Ashland Grove located at 1195 East Main Street.

While this is a free event, registration is requested. Please contact the CERT office if interested in attending. A light lunch will be available.

Awareness components will focus on three main functions of citizen preparedness including; *Incident Command Systems (ICS)*- which will focus on the main characteristics and importance of the command structure, why it is used, how it is used, and what that looks like in the field.

Medical First Responder into/training- will enlighten participants on the content of training that Oregon Emergency Medical Responder trains toward when gaining certification. This training introduction should offer enough insight into the full spectrum of the U.S. DOT Emergency Medical Responder course. Participants can then apply newly gained knowledge and skills when working alongside EMTs during disasters.

Pet Awareness/Safety and First Aid- will teach critical understanding of how disasters affect pets. Participants will gain an understanding of the psychology behind the mind of an animal, the steps to take to comfort family pets, how to effectively aid pets following a disaster, and some of the newest medical approaches to aiding pets.



Basic Training ~ Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed to ensure the success of basic training. Ashland CERT will hold several planning sessions in preparation of the Disaster Simulation on April 20. The first planning session will occur **Monday, April 1 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Station 1**. Your assistance is necessary for the success of CERT training. Please attend and be involved.

American Heart Association First Aid / CPR / AED class

HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED, is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and AED use.

The cost for this course is \$55, which includes a student study book and card*. The class takes approximately 8 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space

*Upon successful completion, students will receive an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

When: April, 13th, 2013

Where: Ashland Fire Station 1

Time: 9am-5pm

Cost: \$55



Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8 AM - 4 PM Monday - Friday at Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland.

For information or to register contact the Ashland CERT Program Coordinator
541-552-2226 | cert @ ashland.or.us

CERT 2013 Calendar of Events

January 2013	February 2013	March 2013
General Meeting January 9 (<i>Pacific Power Safety</i>) MRE and Emergency Food Tasting Saturday, January 12 (12PM-2PM) Leadership Meeting January 23	General Meeting February 13 (<i>Weather Conditions</i>) Leadership Meeting February 27 MYN Night - February 26	General Meeting March 13 (<i>Swiftwater Awareness</i>) MYN Night – March 12 Base Inventory – March 16 Leadership Meeting March 27
April 2013	May 2013	June 2013
General Meeting April 10 (<i>JC SAR</i>) Leadership Meeting April 25 (<i>Final Prep for Basic Training</i>) Spring Basic Training April 11-13 & 18-20	Basic Graduation - General Meeting May 8 Leadership Meeting May 22 (Basic Training AAR & 4th of July Planning) Annual Phone Tree Test - May 18 Base Bike Ride – May 19 (9AM-1PM)	Refresher Training—June 1 General Meeting June 12 (<i>START Triage</i>) Leadership Meeting Jun 26 (<i>Parade Support</i>) Firefighter Rehab Mission Training June 22 (9AM-4PM) Solar Storm Formidable Footprint June 29
July 2013	August 2013	September 2013
General Meeting July 10 (<i>Radio Communications</i>) Base Painting Party – July 13 (8AM-11AM) Leadership Meeting July 24 Tracking Resources & Opening Bases—June 26-27	General Meeting August 14 (<i>Medical Operations Review</i>) Leadership Meeting August 28 (<i>Basic Planning</i>) Advanced Training – August 24	National Preparedness Month General Meeting September 11 CPR Saturday September 21 Leadership Meeting September 25
October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
Fall Basic Training—October 3-5 & 11-12 General Meeting October 9 Leadership Meeting October 23	Refresher Training – November 9 General Meeting Nov 13 (<i>Basic Graduation</i>) Leadership Meeting November 20 (<i>Annual Training Planning Session</i>)	CERT Year in Review December 11, 6:30 to 8:00 PM No Meetings Holiday Season Training Stand Down

Note: General meetings are open to the public. Doors open at 6pm. Meetings are from 6:30pm-8pm at Fire Station1.

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TO: