



April 2014

*Neighbors Helping
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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

April 9, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

April 23, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.



Ready Neighbor News

Josephine County CERT revamps program

Recently Ashland CERT facilitated basic training for community members in Josephine County where Emergency Service Manager, Jessica Schwartz, recognizes the value of revamping the once active CERT community and training more residents to be prepared. County residents responded taking advantage of the opportunity from many towns including Merlin, Selma, Cave Junction, Rogue River, and, of course, Grants Pass. Residents were very pleased to have the training opportunity and excited to get their neighbors and more of the community involved in some type of awareness / preparedness opportunities, either future CERT training or Map Your Neighborhood, etc. Participants were very aware of the value of having HAM radio licenses and radio communications capabilities.

Thanks to the Illinois Valley Fire Department, the training was held primarily at their main station, just off Hwy 199, which offered opportunity to meet local EMT personnel, and the disaster simulation was held in their fire training house at Station 2 which is a secondary location where EMT train regularly in many of the same areas as CERT. The full training was facilitated in coordination and with full support and backing from IVFD and Fire Chief Hoke.

Both Chief Hoke and Emergency Manager, Jessica Schwartz, spoke with participants about the value of having trained citizens in the primarily rural county where emergency services personnel anticipate folks being on their own for a great deal of time. The county has a land area of more than 1,600 square miles with over 82,000 residents equating to roughly 50 persons per square mile. Given the proximity to the coast and the geography of the county EMT anticipate it could be weeks before help arrives if a regional event such as a Cascadia fault eruption occurred due to loss of critical infrastructure (roads, bridges, landslides, etc).

Several Ashland members came out to support the newest members of the Josephine County CERT; thank you to those for your absolute dedication and professionalism.



Ashland Emergency Prepared Business Program

Ashland's own Standing Stone Brewing Company accepted the first Emergency Prepared Business designation for their efforts in creating an emergency prepared business model.

Several employees and business owners attended Emergency Prepared Business Workshops to gain knowledgeable information for what steps and actions both business owner/operators and employees can take to create a safer environment for themselves and patrons. Attendees created contingency plans for how their business will continue to operate if negatively impacted by a disaster.

The program is yet another effort to get the community involved in thinking and preparing for what could happen during a large incident where rescue personnel are inundated before the event occurs when they still have time to mitigate and make a plan.

Standing Stone had already been leaping towards preparedness before immersion into the preparedness workshops offered through Ashland Fire & Rescue. The company had created an active safety committee, retrofitted their building for seismic activity, and purchased generators in preparation of a power outage. Since attending the workshops, they have included digital scheduling along with sophisticated employee contact and communication procedures, video archiving of their property in case of damage or destruction in order to quickly and easily replace, and changed their brewing operations to include having 420 gallons of clean water immediately available for use in the event of a disaster similar to the flood in 1997.

Standing Stone now dons the "*We are a Proud Ashland Emergency Prepared Business*" window designation sticker.

Volunteer Training Opportunities & Information

Spring is blooming and so are all the opportunities to gain more knowledge and skills training and partaking in other informational opportunities. Please take a moment to read through and choose one that fits your schedule to attend.

Global Positioning Systems class coming to Ashland CERT: Do you own a GPR unit? Are you interested in becoming more familiar with its use for disaster response purposes? This may be the class for you. Did you know smart phones have GPS features? Chris Zanger will present a course focused on GPS use for response both Tuesday and Wednesday April 15 & 16 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at AF&R Station 1. RSVP to reserve (Tuesday will be more of an introductory course while Wednesday will be an advanced class). Feel free to sign up for each or either session depending on your comfort level.

Cascadia Fault - is once again being presented by Dr. Althea Rizzo, Geologic Hazards Program Coordinator for Oregon Office of Emergency Management. "What to Expect when you're Expecting the Big One" will be Thursday, April 17, 2014 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Smullin Center - 2825 E. Barnett Road, Medford. This seminar is free and open to the public. We all have a role in earthquake preparedness. Attend the seminar to learn how you can be prepared and what to expect.

Join her instead, or in addition, at 6:30 PM at Howie's on Front Street in Medford (age 21+) for Pub Talks where she will share the information.

She also has a Josephine County presentation scheduled during this visit as well.

Ashland CERT basic training around the corner and member assistance requested. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new community members interested in creating a safer community through a proactive volunteer training approach. To build a strong training experience for folks to take into the community we need to come together and provide a positive worthwhile learning experience. Please consider assisting Saturday, April 26. Contact CERT for more information.

Training dates include April 10-12 and 24-26; if you know someone interested give them the encouragement they need to sign up today.

Opportunities continued....

County Wide Disaster Simulation Drill - CERT to test regional member call-out, communications, team abilities, and much more. The County is offering free lunch for those that participate in this field-based earthquake drill. This simulation will be conducted in Central Point and transportation services provided by RVTD at no cost. RVTD will be testing their capabilities to respond to evacuees during earthquake disasters.

When: Saturday, May 3 from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm. Members must bring CERT gear and additional ready items as needed (Dress for all weather), wear close-toed shoes and long pants, and consider needs for refreshment and rehab in the field.

****Need a head count**** If you are planning to attend you will need to respond (RSVP) by Tuesday, April 29 at 4:00 pm.

More Reasons to Prepare

Only about 20% of Oregon residents carry earthquake insurance.

It's estimated that 47% of Oregon schools have a high or very high risk of collapse in a major earthquake, and 75% of them were constructed before modern building code standards were adopted.

The national average of state Emergency Management Budgets is \$6.1 million. Washington State's budget is \$3.8 million. Oregon's budget is \$2 million.

The Oregon Military Department's Office of Emergency Management has half the staff (39) that Washington has (84). There's good news, the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) has a plan. Formed through Senate Bill 96, OSSPAC is tasked with creating policies and decisions on earthquake related hazards.

In response to OSSPAC's plan, the Legislature passed Oregon Senate Bill 33. The bill establishes a Resilience Task Force with a specific charge to "implement the strategic vision and road map contained in the Oregon Resilience Plan." That plan should continue to shift throughout the year. Learn more at: www.oregon.gov/omd/oem/pages/osspace/osspace

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 26, 2014

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
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CERT 2014 Calendar of Events

January 2014	February 2014	March 2014
General Meeting January 8 <i>(Cold-weather Shelter Operations)</i> Leadership Meeting January 22 <i>(Member Mission Compilation)</i> EOC TRAINING - FEBRUARY 1	General Meeting February 12 <i>(Avista Gas Water Heaters)</i> Emergency Food Prep & Tasting Saturday, February 8 Leadership Meeting February 26 <i>(Aware Notification System)</i>	General Meeting March 12 <i>(Preparing for Wildfire)</i> No Leadership Meeting
April 2014	May 2014	June 2014
General Meeting April 9 <i>(Radio Communication)</i> Leadership Meeting April 23 <i>(Basic Planning)</i> Basic Training – April 10-12 and 24-26	Base Inventory – May 10 Basic Graduation - General Meeting Base Bike Ride – May 17 (9AM-1PM) Leadership Meeting May 28 CPR Night - May 22	Annual Phone Tree Test – June 7 General Meeting June 11 (Safe Drinking Water) Leadership Meeting Jun 25 <i>(Planning for 4th of July)</i> Firefighter Rehab Mission Training June 14 (9AM-4PM)
July 2014	August 2014	September 2014
Parade Support – July 4 General Meeting July 9 Evacuation Training – July 12 (8AM-1PM) Leadership Meeting July 23 Disaster Relay Games – July 19	General Meeting August 13 <i>(POD Training)</i> Leadership Meeting August 27 <i>(Phone Banks)</i> CPR Night - August 7	National Preparedness Month General Meeting September 10 <i>(Rescuer Safety)</i> Family & Friends CPR September 20 Leadership Meeting September 24
October 2014	November 2014	December 2014
Basic Training - October 9-11 and 16-18 General Meeting October 8 Leadership Meeting October 22 Base Bike Ride - October 25	Refresher Training – November 15 General Meeting Nov 12 <i>(Basic Graduation)</i> Leadership Meeting November 19 <i>(Annual Training Planning Session)</i>	Certified Driver – December 6 CERT Year in Review December 10 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM No General Meeting Holiday Season – Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting

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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