

Ready Neighbor News



January 2013

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

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

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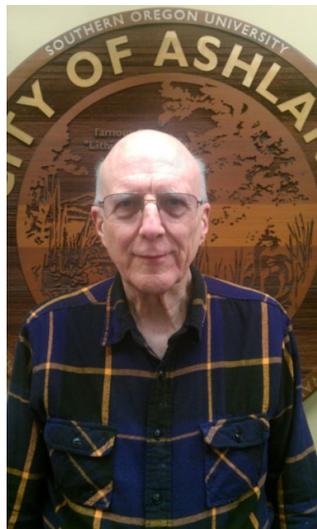


Ashland CERT introduces a new public outreach campaign - Faces of Ashland CERT

Ashland CERT is implementing a new campaign for 2013 called "Faces of Ashland CERT" which will include a monthly member preview in the newsletter. The intent of the campaign is to inform Ashland residents of CERT by making other community connections while enhancing and motivating training and existing member participation by showcasing the lives of the dedicated volunteers involved with Ashland CERT.

This month Ashland CERT would like to introduce Terry Bateman. Terry graduated from basic training in the spring of 2011 and since has been diligently immersing himself in the success of the CERT program providing volunteer service hours and an extensive knowledge and experienced based background that aligns with the functions of the program. He has served on the Incident Management Team and Leadership Team since graduation and graciously contributed over 80 hours of service with Ashland CERT in 2012.

Let's get to know **TERRY S. BATEMAN; age 77...**



Where are you from and when did you move to Ashland?: **Moved to Ashland in January 2010. Prior to that, I split my time between Los Angeles, CA and Carson City, NV.**

What attracted you to Ashland?: **The Mountain Meadows retirement community, a nearby university, and a rich cultural environment.**

What is/was your career?: **Systems engineering and project management for advanced technology systems, primarily national defense and energy (retired).**

Hobbies, interests, favorite movie, food, etc?: **Music and theater, especially choral music (formerly CEO of The Concert Singers in Los Angeles); art and crafts; dancing; writing, when the mood strikes me; TV, computer games, and Sudoku; traveling, skiing, and white-water rafting; love coffee and ice cream.**

How did you first learn about Ashland CERT?: **Richard Randleman gave a lecture to the Mountain Meadows Emergency Response Coordination Team.**

What did you like best about the CERT basic training?: **It was thorough and the final exercises provided an opportunity to practice what we learned in the classroom.**

Faces of Ashland CERT - continued...

What do you find most interesting about Ashland CERT?: **(1) the dedication of the participants, (2) the extensive training opportunities, and (3) the support of the City of Ashland, especially Ashland Fire & Rescue.**

Why did you choose to be a CERT member?: **I was initially asked to participate in the Mountain Meadows Emergency Response Coordination Team. I decided to expand my training and contribute to the broader community.**

What other programs in the Ashland community do you support?: **I participate in several of the Mountain Meadows governing organizations, as well as the broader Rogue Valley community -- SOPTV Community Advisory Board and the new Southern Oregon Climate Action Network (SOCAN).**

What do like best about the community?: **Ashland is the right size community for me. I like the cultural activities, the active artists' community, SOU, and the deer.**

Anything else you would like to add?: **I have completed the FEMA requirements for CERT incident command, I have a general amateur radio license and, although I haven't flown for many years, I'm a licensed commercial pilot.**

Terry has many fun interests and hobbies that allow him to align within the CERT framework well, but he also contributes to the community at large in his many involvements. He is obviously dedicated to public preparedness and community awareness. Next time you see Terry say hello and thank him for being the first Face of Ashland CERT in 2013.

2012 Year in Review

2012 was a pivotal year for additional mobilization, communication, leadership and advanced training simulations.

Ashland CERT leadership team members and incident command team were instrumental in providing support in training new volunteers to join CERTs around the valley strengthening the capabilities CERT members have and progressing communities towards overall public preparedness through increased awareness and training. Leadership members have spent more than 390 hours collectively in 2012 both planning and implementing the functions of basic training.

Ashland CERT instructed two basic trainings graduating 27 newly skilled community members, seventeen of which joined Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team to aid local emergency response personnel when called upon.

The CERT program developed an extended learning and training relationship with the Sea Cadets; a group of youth interested in pursuing careers in the military. The cadets will serve as volunteer victims during training simulations to increase the learning capabilities of CERT trainees, learn skills towards their own knowledge, and provide valuable feedback fostering and enforcing the training experience.

Ashland CERT has embraced Jackson County's Citizen Alert Notification System on the Aware side to its full utilization for use by trained CERT members to provide immediate notification in emergent events.

Ashland CERT further promoted public awareness by holding several events and encouraging the public to opt-in to Citizen Alert by providing freebies in cooperation with local businesses.

Ashland CERT also trained in managing emergent and spontaneous volunteers immediately following large scale disasters where the general untrained public wants to provide assistance. CERT has the basic framework to assist in promoting full utilization of untrained volunteers in the field.

CERT members further trained with Oregon Department of Transportation to perform flagger duties in the field both during scheduled events and in emergency situations.

For Disaster Preparedness Month, Ashland CERT collaborated with local businesses to offer discounts and freebies during our public EXPO highlighting public readiness through awareness promotion providing information and promoting training.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to contribute and be involved in meaningful wildfire education and mitigation efforts? The Ashland Firewise Commission has one vacancy. The Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month at noon, and discusses Firewise efforts throughout Ashland over lunch (food provided). Did you hear about or participate in last year's Firewise Clean-Up day? The Firewise in the 4th Grade curriculum and poster contest? Walk by the Firewise display in the Ashland public library, or play a part in your own Firewise neighborhood? These are all activities created and implemented by Firewise Commissioners. Goal setting for the next year will take place at the next meeting: January 16, 2013. This is your chance to contribute and be a part of meaningful emergency preparedness and wildfire mitigation. Visit the Commission's web page for more information.

Questions about the Commission or how to apply? Call Ali True at 552-2231.

Calendar News

Please note the 2013 training calendar located on page 4 of the newsletter. More training will be added as they come available. Please check our weekly emails for reminders and updates of upcoming events.

January 2013

Ashland CERT will host a **MRE / Emergency Food Preparation Luncheon** at Station 1 Saturday, January 12 from 12PM—2PM in the kitchen.

BLS (Basic Life Support) for Healthcare Providers- Saturday, January 12 from 9AM-2PM at Station 1.

Emergency Shelters are opened per Resolution 2007-11. While CERT is no longer responsible for staffing the shelters volunteers are always appreciated. If interested in becoming a volunteer to support staffing and other needs for sheltering please contact the CERT office.

CERT Members receive \$10 discount toward CPR classes at AFR

In 2011 the American Heart Association (AHA) announced new research driven training standards for CPR. Ashland Fire and Rescue offers monthly First Aid/CPR/AED classes with certification through AHA. If you are a CERT member and are interested in taking a certification class you will receive a \$10 discount. Being prepared makes sense and with this discount preparedness is even more affordable. To sign up for any CPR certification class at AFR and / or for more information about the discount simply contact Ashland CERT.

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: January, 26th, 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

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American Heart Association 

Learn and Live

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 & 19-20	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 Station 1.

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