

Ready Neighbor News



July 2012

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting

CANCELED:

July 11, Fire Station 1.
Meeting has been canceled.

Leadership Meeting:

July 25, Fire Station 1
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Fireworks and Fire Safety this July

Oregon Department of Forestry officially announced Fire Season June 20. This declaration comes with heightened anxiety during holiday firework sales and displays. Ashland CERT urges you to be informed and safe by recognizing the new City Ordinance. We are asking residents to comply with the ordinance in an effort to reduce fires, injuries and the risk to our city's natural resources. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is through public displays conducted by professional pyrotechnicians hired by community officials.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, in 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,600 people for fireworks-related injuries; 73 percent of these injuries occurred between June 18 - July 18. Of these:

- 65 percent were to males and 35 percent were to females.
- Children under 15 years old accounted for 40 percent of the estimated injuries.
- Children and young adults under 20 years old had 53 percent of the estimated injuries.
- An estimated 900 injuries were associated with firecrackers. Of these, an estimated 30 percent were associated with small firecrackers, 17 percent with illegal firecrackers, and 53 percent where the type of firecracker was not specified.
- An estimated 1,200 injuries were associated with sparklers and 400 with bottle rockets.

The parts of the body most often injured were hands and fingers (30 percent), legs (22 percent), eyes (21 percent), and head, face, and ears (16 percent).

Bodily injury is not the only potential impact; individuals and communities risk loss of property as well.



FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY
Fireworks



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Fireworks and Fire Safety ... continued ...

Be Prepared for Fire Season. The Office of Consolidated Emergency Management asks you to “Take 5 to Survive.” If you find it difficult to set aside time to prepare for emergencies, you’re not alone. Public surveys list “lack of time” as the primary reason people cite for not taking steps to prepare themselves and their families for a major emergency. Rather than viewing emergency preparedness as an insurmountable task, consider what you could accomplish in just 5 minutes.

Conduct a digital home inventory. Set your timer for five minutes, and concentrate on only one room. Take digital photos of everything in the room, making sure you capture enough detail to prove make/model/vintage/price range. Download your photos to a special file on your computer. Continue each day and soon you will be done.

Take five minutes to make several copies of your digital inventory photos on DVDs. Store one in a safe

place at your home and one in your go-kit that you take if you have to evacuate, put one in your safe deposit box, and send one to a friend or relative that lives at least one state away.

Ask your homeowner’s insurance agent about fire, flood, and earthquake insurance. These coverages may not be included on your policy unless you specifically added them. Do it now, before disaster strikes!

Write down your insurance policy numbers and your agent’s phone number, and put them in your wallet.

Make it a team effort and involve your family. Once you meet your goal, celebrate being prepared for the emergencies ahead!

References: <http://www.ocem.org/index.cfm>, <http://www.take5tosurvive.com/>, <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/fireworks.shtml>

Ashland’s Fireworks Ordinance available at: <http://www.ashland.or.us/fourthofjuly>



Additional Training & Volunteer Opportunities



4th of July Celebration: CERT Informational Booth and Respite Space needs your help. If you can spare an hour or more during the 4th of July Parade to support CERT please do.

The CERT Booth will be located at the corner of Winburn Way and Nutley Street to provide additional services to patrons including refreshments, Chamber schedule of events, a space to sit and relax a moment, complimentary rides up the hill, and Ashland CERT specific information.

Formidable Footprint – Pandemic: Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Ashland CERT members can and should participate in this nationally-led tabletop exercise. The free exercise provides us an opportunity to assess our capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster. During the exercise, participants will gain an understanding of how prepared neighborhood residents are for a major pandemic. They will establish a

concept of operations that will guide the neighborhood and its residents through the process of responding to this type of event. This scenario comes from online presentation of detailed descriptions, interactive maps and video. CERTs and similar groups around the country will be doing the exercise at the same time.

Contact the CERT office for more information.

Other opportunities:

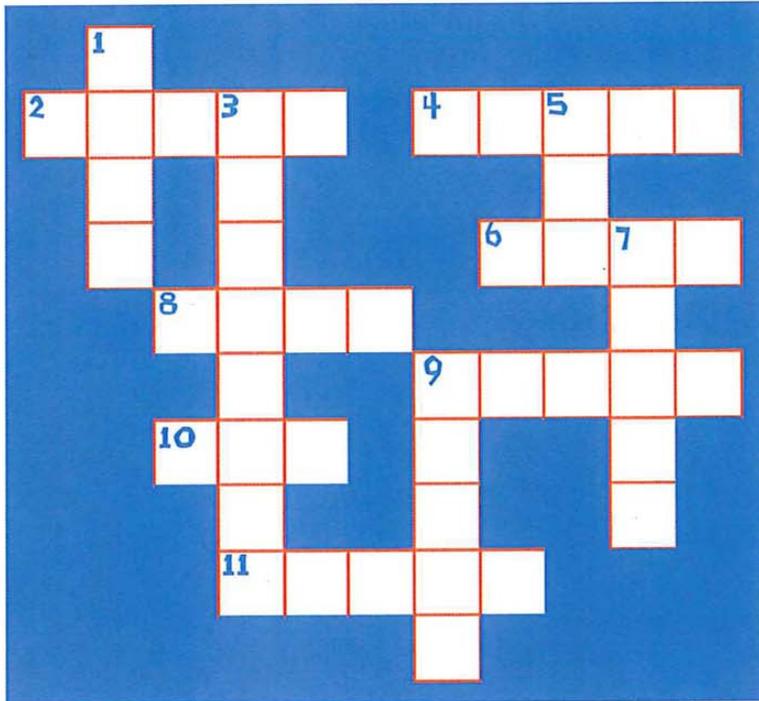
Volunteerism– Jackson County Amateur Radio Emergency Services is in need of volunteers interested and willing to help aid in radio communications during Wildfire incidents.

If you are interested in volunteering contact Don Montgomery, JCARES Coordinator at donm12@charter.net.



GET READY CROSSWORD

Family Reproducible Worksheet



CLUES

ACROSS:

- 2. _____ light: A handy tool to have if the lights go out!
- 4. Every person needs one gallon of this per day!
- 6. This comfortable piece of furniture should not be part of a family's supply kit.
- 8. Furry family members that should be part of your preparedness plan.
- 9. Some people have a _____ between meals if they are hungry.
- 10. You might find water, a flashlight, or a whistle in an emergency supply _____.
- 11. Fun items that families can play together.

DOWN:

- 1. Families can create a communication _____ so that they know where to meet and who to call during an emergency.
- 3. _____ bag: Great for napping or keeping warm.
- 5. Every family member should carry a contact list with at least _____ different phone numbers that will allow you to keep in touch during an emergency.
- 7. It's important to get the _____ about different kinds of emergencies, so that you know what to expect.
- 9. Keep an extra pair of these in your supply kit to keep your feet dry!

Base Painting Party POSTPONED due to weather

The base painting party has been postponed due to inclement weather. Ashland CERT intends to reschedule this tremendously

important event for Saturday and Sunday July 28 and 29. Please contact your Base Coordinators for more information and updates will be

sent as they are available. Thank you.



HeartSaver CPR Adult class offered at Ashland Fire & Rescue

HeartSaver CPR AED is a classroom, video based, instructor led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. This course teaches skills with American Heart Association's research-proven Practice-While-Watching technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback and guide the students' learning of skills.

This course is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in CPR and AED use to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements.

When: Saturday, July 21st - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Ashland Fire Station 1

The cost for this course is \$35, which includes a student study book and card*. The class takes approximately 3 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation.

Please register early to reserve your space.

TO REGISTER:

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 between 8 AM & 4 PM Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland.

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

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



CERT 2012 Calendar of Events

January 2012	February 2012	March 2012
General Meeting January 11 <i>(Phone Tree Training)</i> Leadership Meeting January 25 <i>(Phone Tree 9-1-1 System Management)</i>	SOU Basic Training Tue-Thu, Feb 1– 24 Canceled General Meeting February 8 CERT Annual Phone Tree Test Leadership Meeting February 22	General Meeting March 14 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting March 28 <i>(Planning for Basic Training)</i>
April 2012	May 2012	June 2012
General Meeting April 11 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting April 25 <i>(Final Prep for Basic Training)</i> CERT Spring Basic Training April 27-May 5	Basic Graduation - General Meeting May 9 Leadership Meeting May 23 (Basic Training AAR) Base Bike Ride May 19 4th of July Event Planning	General Meeting June 13 <i>(CERT Evacuation Training)</i> Leadership Meeting June 27 <i>(Final Planning for 4th of July)</i> Base Painting Party June 29
July 2012	August 2012	September 2012
General Meeting CANCELED Leadership Meeting July 25 <i>(4th of July AAR – Fire Mission Planning)</i>	General Meeting August 8 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting August 22 <i>(Fire Department Communications)</i>	General Meeting September 12 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting September 26 <i>(Advanced Training Lesson)</i>
October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
SOU Basic Training Tuesday and Thursday October 1-25 General Meeting October 10 <i>(CERT ICS Demonstration)</i> Leadership Meeting October 24	General Meeting November 14 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting November 28	CERT Year in Review /Awards December 12, 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: