



May 2013

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
May 8, Fire Station 1. Basic training graduation. Meeting starts at 6:30 with doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:
May 22, Fire Station 1. Meeting starts at 6:30 with doors open at 6:00 PM.



Faces of Ashland CERT

This month Ashland CERT is pleased to highlight one of our honor graduates, Pablo van Renterghem. Pablo and mother, Susanne, participated in spring 2012 basic training shortly after moving to Ashland. Pablo is a student at Ashland High School and loves living in Ashland. Pablo's team members indicated he was a pleasure to work with and he took an active role in the duties during the disaster simulation last spring.

He and his mother were both essential in assisting with fall basic training of 2012. Pablo took an active role on the Incident Management Team as the Logistics Lead and Susanne proved to be an outstanding actress as a volunteer victim in one of the darkened maze stations.

Let's get to know Pablo and learn how he felt about being the honor grad...



Name: **Pablo van Renterghem**

Age: **16**

Where are you from and when did you move to Ashland?:

Arizona, 1 ½ years ago.

What attracted you to Ashland?:

Our family moved here.

What are your goals for the future?:

To go to college and become a movie director.

Hobbies, interests, favorite movie, food, etc?:

Hobbies: photography & cooking. I love to listen to music. I don't have a favorite movie, but I love

watching movies. Favorite foods: crepes & pizza.

How did you first learn about Ashland CERT?:

My mom saw a brochure at Roasters (Rogue Valley Roasting Company on Main Street) and thought it would be a good way for me to get community service hours for high school.

Faces of Ashland CERT - continued...

What did you like best about the CERT basic training?:

Just learning quick First Aid and quick responses and how to respond to anything. Even if you got in an accident; just in any kind of situation to know what to do. It's just a good experience.

What do you find most interesting about Ashland CERT?:

That, in a time of crisis, common citizens can lead, and help, their community and neighbors.

Why did you choose to be a CERT member?:

In case of an emergency, I'd rather be on the helping side than wanting to be helped. It's important in an emergency situation to have a purpose.

How did it feel to be chosen the Honor Graduate? :

I don't know, special. I was surprised and I think it's really cool.

What other programs in the Ashland community do you support?:

Food Bank, YMCA

What do like best about the community? :

It's got good food and, as a teenager, I love food. Very conscientious about the environment, and that it's socially aware. I like that I can get good quality food here.

Anything else you would like to add?:

I think the CERT program is a very unique opportunity and one I would encourage others to take.



Pablo is a great role model for other students in the community. He also took part in the Advanced Evacuation Training late last fall. CERT is blessed to have the enthusiasm of a young learner. Go out a brag Pablo and continue to do good things.

Next time you see Pablo out and about eating and enjoying the wonderful food choices Ashland has to offer say hello.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, May 5th – **Ashland Firewise Clean-Up day event:** Free yard debris drop-off for Ashland residents to dispose of all those leftover leaves, dead plants, branches and overhanging tree limbs that can be fuel for a wildfire. The event will be held from 8am-4pm at the Lincoln School dirt parking lot on Beach Street. This event is supported by Recology Ashland Sanitary Service. Half-price fees for green debris will be in place on Sunday, May 5th at Valley View Transfer Station.

Times volunteers are needed include:

7:00-8:00 set-up

12:00-2:00, 2 people needed

4:00-5:00 clean up/take down

Contact Ali True at 541-482-2770

Certified Flaggers: The 7th annual Granite Man is out in the Applegate on June 1st and 2nd and they are in need of certified flaggers. If you are interested please contact Chad at 541-621-2747 or chadwi-kander@gmail.com. For information on the Granite Man here is the link <http://www.granite-man.com/>

"aCERT yourself" ~ Public Awareness Training Opportunity

Ashland CERT presents aCERT yourself; a community preparedness training. Pubic welcome.

When: Saturday, May 4th ~ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Ashland Grove

1195 E. Main St. Ashland, Oregon

Cost: This is a free event. Lunch provided.

Registration: Registration is required. Please contact the CERT office if interested in attending by calling 541-552-2226 or email cert@ashland.or.us

The training will focus on three main functions of citizen preparedness including the following.

ICS 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; presented by AF&R Chief John Karns.

Introduction to Medical First Responder will enlighten participants on the content of training that Oregon Emergency Medical Responder. This interactive session will take a close look at START triage; presented by Mobile Trauma Unit Coordinator Leslie Huntington.

Pet Awareness, Safety and First Aid session presents 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 other pets following a disaster, and some of the newest medical approaches to aiding pets; presented by Dr. Kathy Snell DVM.

Firewise Week will be celebrated May 5th through 11th

This year's theme is "**Protect Your Home, Protect Your Community**". Home loss to wildfire is not inevitable. Simple low cost actions around a home and yard can determine whether a home survives a wildfire, or is devastated by windborne embers from a nearby fire. Because Ashland's homes are close together, neighbors can work together to prevent the spread of wildfire in a neighborhood.

American Heart Association BLS course

Basic Life Support (BLS) is intended for Healthcare providers and other students seeking training and certification in CPR. This course teaches critical concepts of high quality CPR, use of an automated external defibrillator, and relief choking for victims of all ages.

The cost for this course is \$55, which includes a student study book and card*. The class takes approximately 4.5-5 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space.

When: May, 11th, 2013

Where: Ashland Fire Station 1

Time: 9am-2pm

Cost: \$55

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 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 BLS for Healthcare Providers Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

For information or to register contact the CERT Program Coordinator at 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 July 10 <i>(Radio Communications)</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 June 12 <i>(START Triage)</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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