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Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Ready Neighbor News

Winter Storm Season

Natural disasters occur in many different forms, and extreme cold and winter storms should not be excluded from Oregon weather. Heavy snow fall and extreme cold can immobilize entire cities and close mountain passes to our area. Winter storms can result in flooding, closed roads and mountain passes, downed power lines, and hypothermia. Here are a few tips on how to prepare for the upcoming Winter Storm Season.

Prepare your disaster supply kit and add items such as rock salt to melt ice on your walkways, kitty litter to improve traction, shovels, and extra blankets. Make sure you take time to prepare your family and encourage them to dress for the weather. Have them help you winterize your house by insulating pipes and windows.

Make sure you prepare your car, especially if you plan on traveling for the holidays. Have your mechanic check antifreeze levels, brakes, exhaust systems, filters, defrosters, hazard lights, and install winter tires or carry chains. It is always a good idea to also place a winter emergency kit in each car. You never know when you will need to utilize these materials.

During a winter storm tune your radio to 1700 AM for emergency broadcasts, eat regularly and drink plenty of fluids, conserve fuel, and maintain ventilation if using kerosene heaters. When clearing your driveway of snow, take it easy. A heart attack from overexertion is a major cause of death during the winter months. Keep dry and remove wet clothing. Watch for frostbite and signs of hypothermia.

During a snow storm, please stay home and drive only if it is necessary. It is best to travel during the day, stay on main roads, notify people were you are going, and never travel alone.

Oregon is known for its beautiful landscape and temperate climate. During the winter months, Southern Oregon has minimal snowfall averaging about 2.3 inches per year in the valley and approximately 280 inches per year on Mount Ashland. Many people enjoy the winter months and participate in winter activities. Before you begin planning your ski trips to Mount Ashland or Mount Bachelor, please take time to prepare for winter storms and extreme cold.

"At the end of the day, the goals are simple: safety and security. "-Jodi Rell

For more information on what to have in your Emergency Car Kit please visit www.ashlandcert.org

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Next Meeting Dates:

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

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



Deep fried Turkey

Deep fried turkey may be a delicious alternative for the traditional turkey dinner we all know and love. However, deep fried goodness poses a high fire hazard. More cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year!

“In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.” *National Fire Protection Association.*

Rain and snow also pose another risk for deep fryers, “If rain or snow strikes exposed hot cooking oil, the result can be splattering of the hot oil or a conversion of the rain or snow to steam, either of which can lead to burns.” *National Fire Protection Association.*

Some cooks try to avoid the previous mentioned situation by bringing their

deep fryers into a garage or onto a covered porch or deck. This is another fire hazard in its own. Oil can overflow when the turkey is submerged, or the fryer can tip. If the spilled oil comes into contact with the flame, it can cause a large explosive fire which can quickly consume an area.

But if you must use a deep fryer for your meal, please use extreme caution! Only use the fryer outdoors and never inside a house, garage, or porch. Never leave the deep fryer unattended especially if there are children around. Since the oil’s vapors can ignite at extreme temperatures, please monitor the oil temperature closely and follow the instructions provided with the deep fryer.

Help keep your loved ones safe during this holiday season. If you insist on using a deep fryer, have a fire extinguisher nearby, you never know what may happen.



**For more detailed information, please visit the National Fire Prevention Association*

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Diversity Training

“This sensitivity training will provide a review of what we need to know to better understand our role in creating a respectful environment for all.”



Date: November 9, 2011

Location: Community Justice Building
1st Floor Café Room
1101 West Main
Medford, OR 97501

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Cost:** Free

Presentation: Akiko M. Berkman, MPA, MPH, State Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

Registration: Please visit the following link for registration:

SurveyMonkey.com

CERT Backpacks

CERT Backpacks are here!

We just received a new order of CERT backpacks that are the perfect accessory to house all of your emergency preparedness supplies. These CERT packs are olive green, easily recognizable, equipped with eight multifunctional compartments, and a water bottle! For an affordable cost of \$15 you could add this pack to your collection of emergency supplies.



Advanced Training Schedule

This training concept is based upon Ashland Fire & Rescue’s identification of important tasks for CERT’s role in supporting fire operations

November 9 – Advanced Training Session 1 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM – communicating with AF&R - reporting guidance - damage assessments / reports

November 18 – Advanced Training Session 2 - Fire Station 1 - 6:30 to 9:00 PM – Radio training - communicating with dispatch - team problem solving

November 19 – Final Advanced Session - Plaza Inn Suites.

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM – Sign in, continental breakfast

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Advanced training - final radio training, ICS/ mobilization/missions Q&A, exercise scenario introduction

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Catered Lunch

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM - Exercise Overview including objectives, ground rules and scenario setup

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM - Advanced training exercise scenario “live.”

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM – Mission debrief

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM – After action review – training close

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – clean up and sign out

Essentially the concept for this training is to review and reinforce previous training followed by introduction of new procedures, culminating in an exercise with AF&R staff.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register please contact Jessica at 541-552-2242 or bowmanj@ashland.or.us

CERT Annual Review and Awards Event

The event will give Ashland Fire & Rescue and others the opportunity to express their gratitude for all the hard work Ashland CERT members have done. The event is scheduled from 6 PM to 8 PM Wednesday December 7th, 2011 at Fire Station 1. The

event will conclude with an awards presentation for Ashland CERT members. Everyone should come to congratulate those who have contributed so much toward the success of the Ashland CERT program. The event will be open to anyone who completed Ashland

CERT basic training and their guests and Ashland Fire & Rescue staff and their guests.



Disaster Preparedness Puzzle

Across

1. ___ serve as a critical element in post-disaster emergency services.
2. The U.S. government agency whose primary mission is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards.
4. An occurrence or event, natural or human-caused, that requires an emergency response to protect life or property.
7. ___ were responsible for the most deaths and injuries in Oregon.
8. The State of Oregon is exposed to three categories of hazards: Terrorism, technological, and ___.
10. Tornadoes, floods, and ___ are the three hazards that cause the

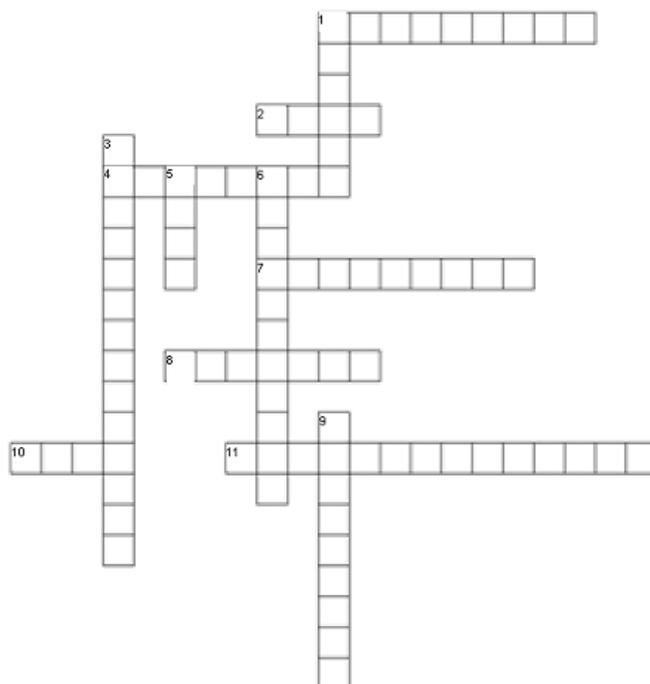
most fatalities.

11. The process of concluding the response to a disaster event, including the orderly withdrawal of resources.

Down

1. Hazardous material.
3. October 9th is ___ day.
5. Created in 1999 after the community experienced a severe flood.
6. Hurricanes and ___ were the primary causes of monetary losses.
9. Safest place to avoid disasters.

Submit your answers to the fire station or email them before Nov 30th and be entered to win a prize!



CERT 2011-2012 Calendar of Events

November 2011	December 2011	January 2012
<p>General Meeting Nov 9 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting November 16 <i>(Pre-Lessons for Advanced Training)</i></p> <p>Advanced / Leadership Training Nov 18-19</p>	<p>CERT Year in Review / Awards December 7, 6:30 to 8:00 PM</p> <p>No General Meeting</p> <p>Holiday Season Training Stand Down</p> <p>No Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>General Meeting January 11 <i>(Phone Tree Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting January 25 <i>(Phone Tree 9-1-1 System Management)</i></p>
February 2012	March 2012	April 2012
<p>SOU Basic Training Tue-Thu, Feb 1– 24</p> <p>General Meeting February 8 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i></p> <p>CERT Annual Phone Tree Test</p> <p>Leadership Meeting February 22</p>	<p>General Meeting March 14 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting March 28 <i>(Planning for Basic Training)</i></p>	<p>General Meeting April 11 <i>(Basic Training, Volunteer Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting April 25 <i>(Final Prep for Basic Training)</i></p> <p>CERT Spring Basic Training April 27-May 5</p>
May 2012	June 2012	July 2012
<p>Basic Graduation - General Meeting May 9</p> <p>Leadership Meeting May 23 <i>(Basic Training AAR)</i></p>	<p>General Meeting June 13 <i>(CERT Evacuation Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting Jun 27 <i>(Advanced Training Lesson & Final Planning for 4th of July)</i></p>	<p>General Meeting July 11 <i>(CERT Fire Mission Training)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting July 25 <i>(4th of July AAR – Fire Mission Planning)</i></p>
August 2012	September 2012	October 2012
<p>General Meeting August 8 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting August 22 <i>(Fire Department Communications)</i></p>	<p>National Preparedness Month</p> <p>General Meeting September 12 <i>(Disaster Preparedness Review)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting September 26</p>	<p>SOU Basic Training Tue -Thu Oct 2-25</p> <p>General Meeting October 10 <i>(CERT ICS Demonstration)</i></p> <p>Leadership Meeting October 24</p>

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