



November 2012

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

November 14, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

November 28, Fire Station 1
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.



Fall Basic Training

Fall is often a busy time for CERT organizations in the Rogue Valley as trainings are occurring rapidly before the cold weather sets in. Ashland CERT looks to graduate an amazing group of 13 individuals dedicated to being prepared, eight of which will become active volunteers in Ashland and the others in the surroundings areas, making our community more resilient and better capable of responding in large scale events when emergency services are inundated. Ashland CERT Incident Management Team and Leadership Team members were instrumental in the training success through planning and scenario roles during the simulation.

We were blessed with a wonderful group of volunteer victims ranging from spring graduates to Ashland Middle School students and Sea Cadets from around southern Oregon. Live victim role playing truly brings the simulation to life for trainees and those who volunteer not only learn simultaneously but have a lot of fun doing it. Tam'ra Perry once again came out and offered her skilled creativity in the art of moulage creating more realistic cuts, breaks and bruises. Tam'ra shared a bit of knowledge to the volunteers towards the holiday gruel as well.

The intensive, member facilitated training was well appreciated by the trainees. We were a bit shorthanded this fall and I hope more CERT members will help out at the next training. Members provided more than 53 cumulative hours planning and refining the final day simulation not counting the work that was taking place outside normal meeting times. In addition, nearly 100 volunteer hours were spent during the training and final simulation by 15 dedicated team members. The seven volunteer victims blessed us by spending 72 hours of their time in total towards the training.

The fire department observations were very positive and if you missed the story News Channel 10 covered on the training please visit the following link:

http://www.ktv1.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/ktvl_vid_3511.shtml

Basic training is critical to aiding our community and ensuring resiliency when disaster strikes. Ashland CERT is dedicated to providing the utmost professional and in-depth training possible. Please continue to support CERT's efforts by attending meetings, helping out at training events, and volunteering for other non-disaster roles that make lasting impressions on our community.

Graduation will be held Wednesday, November 14 at Ashland Fire & Rescue Station 1. Doors open at 6pm with a note from the chief at 6:30 pm. Graduation will be followed by guest speaker Ruth Coulard concerning Cold-weather Shelters. All are welcome to attend.

Appreciation Night & Awards Event

Holiday stand down is in effect during the month of December. However, Ashland CERT would like to invite members to the annual Appreciation Night Wednesday, December 12 (location and specific time to be announced). This is an opportunity to thank yourself and each other for all that you do in support of CERT and our community, share a meal, and enjoy camaraderie near the holidays. You must RSVP no later than November 16th in order to attend.

Advanced Training Strands

This year advanced training will come through a series of strands. Each training strand will encompass a different component of CERT and our capabilities. Each of you will receive a link to reply for and sign up for one or more of the trainings depending on your schedule.

Advanced Evacuation Training: This two part series will take place Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th. Training consists of a classroom portion held at AFR Station 1 Friday, November 16 from 6-8:00 pm Followed by a hands-on simulation Saturday, November 17 from 8-11:00 am at the Romeo B&B. Training is open to all active Ashland CERT members by the reservation deadline: Saturday, November 10. Sign by emailing and/or phoning Ashland CERT.

Sign up for Advanced Training to enhance personal capabilities and the overall readiness of CERT.

Those who are interested in an over-night stay at Romeo B&B and are participating as members and/or mock victims will be receive accommodations at more than 60% discounted rate.

\$40 for a room for two (four rooms at this rate) and \$75 for the Jacuzzi suite (one room available)

Vehicle Drivers Training: This will be a day series with both a classroom based training and a driving training component. Instructor Battalion Chief Hollingsworth will provide basic classroom information to prepare you for the driving course. Classroom materials will be made available one week before the training session. This training will be followed by a brief written exam to gage readiness. The purpose of this training is to familiarize CERT members of the

proper protocols and handling of the CERT vehicle when in use.

Spontaneous Volunteer Management: HandsOn Willamette will provide CERT members with the knowledge and skills to implement spontaneous volunteer management, understand the process of activating an emergent volunteer center, and planning tools to implement. This training will take place Saturday, December 1st at the Grove in Ashland located at 1195 East Main Street. The service provider can accommodate 50 CERT members; you must pre-register by Friday, November 23 at 4:00 PM. This training is open to all active CERT members interested in learning how to effectively manage the public when disaster strikes and untrained individuals want to help. Contact CERT to register.

Local Utilities Mailer *City Source*

Ashland CERT often publishes events, trainings, and CPR classes in the City Source. If you sign up for online billing for your utilities bill you need search the City Source on-line in order to obtain all of the useful information provided within. If you are not receiving the City Source simply type and/or bookmark the following link: www.ashland.or.us/citysource. Each month the City Source is uploaded and visible to the public. Typically the City Source is available within the first week of each month.



Volunteer Opportunities

Citizen Alert Opt-In Events: Volunteers are needed to assist the public in signing up for Citizen Alert. Laptop computers will be available for citizen use at the following proposed locations, dates, and times. Boulevard Café confirmed.

Sunday, November 11 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 AM – Boulevard Coffee

Please note: the following subject to change and cancelation; unconfirmed.

Monday, November 19 ~ 3:00 - 5:00 PM – Creekside Pizza

Friday, December 14 ~ 4:00 - 6:00 PM – Zoey's Café



Local Hazards Wordsearch

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CERT Losses Longtime Member & Friend

After 14 years of companionship Helene DeMartinez says goodbye to her service dog, Brandy. Many CERT members had come to know Brandy through trainings and exercises she took part in throughout the years including search and rescue and swift water training. Helene and Brandy completed training in 2004. Helene and Bisonte, Brandy's canine companion, want CERT members to know they are grateful for the time Brandy was able to serve with Ashland CERT.



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) 4th of July Event Planning	General Meeting June 13 <i>(CERT Evacuation Training)</i> Leadership Meeting June 27 <i>(Advanced Training Lesson)</i> & Final Planning for 4th of July)
July 2012	August 2012	September 2012
General Meeting July 11 <i>(CERT Fire Mission Training)</i> 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 Station 1.

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