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*Neighbors Helping Neighbors...*

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### Next Meeting Dates:

**General Meeting: Oct. 12**  
 JC Fire District 5 - OPEN HOUSE held 5pm-7pm.  
 Where: 5811 S. Pacific Hwy.

**Leadership Meeting:**  
 October 26 - Station 1. Topic: Basic Training After Action Review (AAR)



## Federal Disaster Assistance History

Because there was no comprehensive legislation governing disaster relief prior to 1950 Congress had to pass 128 separate laws dealing with disaster relief from 1803-1950. Finally in 1950, Congress passed the Federal Disaster Relief Act, or Public Law 81-875, authorizing the President to provide supplementary Federal assistance when a Governor requests a need for help. The Federal Disaster Relief Act allows the President to fulfill this request by declaring a major emergency. The Act is clear in its language in providing supplemental assistance, therefore, does not “act” as a first-line of monetary funding. States must commit a reasonable amount of funding towards their own response and recovery efforts initially. All of this coordination is completed under the Federal Response Plan which describes the mechanisms by which the Federal government mobilizes resources and conducts activities to augment State and local response efforts.

Most emergencies are handled at the local level without assistance from the State or Federal government; only a small number result in a request for Federal assistance; however, these instances are typically beyond local capabilities due to impact and magnitude incurred.

An extensive evaluation of disaster response and recovery efforts occurred under President Carter’s administration (1976-1980) determining efficacy and savings could be evident if the Federal Disaster Relief Act was combined with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 resulting in the creation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1979.



Once a major disaster declaration has been made, the FEMA Director, under the authority of the President, will appoint a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO). The FCO is responsible for coordinating the overall disaster response and recovery effort—including local, State, and Federal resources—to ensure that an adequate quality and quantity of disaster assistance is provided. The FCO also works in cooperation with voluntary agencies (such as the American Red Cross or Salvation Army) to avoid duplication of effort and ensure priority

## Federal Disaster Assistance History ...continued...

needs are efficiently met. Throughout the Federal disaster response and recovery operation, the FCO serves as the President's representative. The FCO's immediate concern after a major disaster declaration is to make an initial appraisal of the types of relief most urgently needed. The FCO coordinates all Federal disaster assistance programs to ensure maximum effectiveness, and takes appropriate action to help the community obtain the assistance needed.

A Presidential disaster declaration is the result of a legal process involving specific steps and actions taken by local, State, and Federal governments. Essentially following the declaration, a damage assessment is concluded; at least a preliminary report to determine the extent, or response and resources beyond local capabilities necessary for recovery. The data gathered (though the amount of information gathered often varies) reflects the type of and amount of post disaster relief funding allocated. More extensive assessments may be created to further funding allocation in the future as these assessments and documentation often take a lengthy amount of time to produce. The same is true for the types of relief funding available as there have been many Public Laws and Acts regarding updates and changes to the original laws. To learn more you can visit several resources including: <http://www.oregon.gov/omd/oem/Pages/index.aspx> and <https://www.fema.gov/grants-assistance-programs-individuals>

## Autumn swiftly reminding of Winter

A great lightning storm display and snow on the mountain peaks in late September opened our eyes to the fact that autumn is indeed here and unpredictable weather is indeed in the forecast.

Meteorologists recommend you know the following terms:

**Winter Weather Advisory:** Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, use caution.

**Winter Storm Watch:** Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People should review winter storm plans, check supplies, and stay informed.

**Winter Storm Warning:** Life threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Take precautions immediately.

The implications of these terms when determined in the forecast greatly impact travel whether near or far. Emergency managers urge you to have two-weeks worth of supplies including food and water in your home in addition to having an emergency supplies kit in your car or office in case you are not home when a weather-related emergency occurs. Travel tips year-round are available through ODOT at: [tripcheck.com](http://tripcheck.com)

If you do become trapped in your vehicle run the heater for 10 minutes every hour to avoid cold related injuries and conserve resources.

The best place to be during a storm is in the comfort of your own home. Remember to bring pets indoors as well and listen to updates on the radio or television if available.

If using alternative heat sources in your home be sure to keep devices 20 feet from furnishings including drapes, blinds, and other combustible materials.

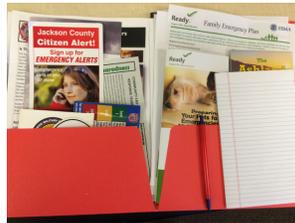
It is up to each individual to take appropriate safety steps in all seasons. Take the time now to update your Go-Bag with gloves and other warm weather gear. This may be a good time to omit some warm-weather items.



## Ashland Is Ready (AIR) Year-Round

Did you miss this year's AIR event? Ashland Fire & Rescue is selling kits from the event. The kits, however, are currently being sold at near cost. The cost is \$25 which includes a packet of current literature relevant to our area with regards to disaster preparedness. Reduced priced kits are only offered when attending the event. Kits are available at Station 1 during normal operating hours (Monday – Friday | 8am – 4:30pm).

Thank you to all the invaluable volunteer support from the CERT community for making the 2016 event a huge success. CERT volunteers are highly recognized throughout the community for all that you do in making this valley an extraordinary place to live.



## AHA First Aid / Adult CPR & AED certification course

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:** Saturday, October 8, 2016

**Where:** Ashland Fire Station 2

**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 Coordinator**

**541-552-2226 | [cpr@ashland.or.us](mailto:cpr@ashland.or.us)**

The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in BLS, ACLS, and PALS and has developed instructional materials for this purpose. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association. Any fees charged for such a course, except for a portion of fees needed for AHA course materials, do not represent income to the Association.



# CERT 2016 Calendar of Events

January 2016	February 2016	March 2016
General Meeting - January 13 <i>(Calculating Risk)</i> <b>Search &amp; Rescue Tactics - Jan 23</b> Leadership Meeting - January 27 <i>(CERT member handbook)</i>	General Meeting - February 10 (Eric Dittmer - Seismic Activity) <b>Terrorism Response Awareness - Feb 20</b> Leadership Meeting - February 24 (Everbridge Training)	General Meeting - March 9 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> NO Leadership Meeting <b>Base Activity - March 12</b> <b>CPR Night - March 16 (6pm)</b>
April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
General Meeting - April 13 <i>(Building Assessment &amp; Triage)</i> Leadership Meeting - April 27 <i>(Planning for Basic Training)</i> <b>Basic Training - April 21-23 and May 5-7</b>	General Meeting - May 11 - Basic Graduation <b>Base Bike Ride - May 15</b> Leadership Meeting - May 25 (Basic Training AAR) <b>Annual Phone Tree Test - TBA</b>	General Meeting June 8 <i>(SCBA filling at JCFD5)</i> <b>Evacuation Training - June 11</b> Leadership Meeting June 22 <i>(Final Planning for 4th of July)</i>
July 2016	August 2016	September 2016
<b>Parade Support - July 4</b> General Meeting - July 13 <i>(Mission Training)</i> <b>Firefighter Rehab Training - July 16</b> Leadership Meeting - July 27 <i>(4th of July AAR)</i>	<b>DATE CHANGE - JULY 17 - CERT BBQ</b> General Meeting - August 10 <i>(TBA)</i> Leadership Meeting - August 24 <i>(Basic Training Planning)</i>	<b>Ashland Is Ready (AIR) - September 10</b> General Meeting - September 14 <b>Family &amp; Friends CPR - September 24</b> Leadership Meeting - September 28
October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
<b>Basic Training - October 6-8 and 13-15</b> General Meeting - October 12 Leadership Meeting October 26 <b>Base Bike Ride - October 23</b>	General Meeting - Nov. 9 - <i>(Basic Graduation)</i> <b>Certified Driver Training - November 19</b> Leadership Meeting - November 16 <i>(Annual Training Planning Session)</i>	<b>CERT Year in Review</b> <b>December 14 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM</b> No Meetings <b>Holiday Season ~ Training Stand Down</b>

**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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