

Ready Neighbor News



September 2014

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

September 10, Fire Station 1.
Rescuer Safety.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

September 24, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.



September is National Preparedness Month

Since September is National Emergency Preparedness month, taking time in September would be great to talk about being prepared. We hope to inspire the furthering discussion beyond September and make it a daily conversation that merits its worth in the protection of you, your family, and neighborhood or community.

There is no better time to prepare for an emergency than right now, because disasters can happen at any time. Ashland CERT encourages everyone to take time in September to become more disaster ready by completing the basic tenets set forth by FEMA to provide your live with resiliency and survival skills during an emergency.

Federal Emergency Management Agency four (4) Tenets:

Be Informed:

Oregonians may be impacted by several types of hazards during their lifetime. Not only is Oregon an "all-hazards" state, but the fact is Americans also travel more than ever before to areas with different hazard risks, or frequency of, increasing the chances of experiencing an incident.

Knowing what to do before, during, and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

Visit www.ashlandcert.org to learn about potential hazards that can happen and how to prepare for and respond to them. We are blessed with many paths of obtaining emergency information in our town and in this day and age with so much social media. Local means and national of obtaining information include:

1700 AM RADIO (also streaming on the website)

Citizen Alert (www.jacksoncounty.gov/citizenalert)

CERT Hotline (intended for CERT members)

Wildfire Hotline (541-552-2490)

Ready.gov (also on twitter, facebook, and more)

Make a Plan:

This year's National Preparedness month campaign is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Time to Prepare" and a portion of that campaign focuses on 'Family Connection' to reinforce the importance of parents including their children in preparedness conversations in advance of potential disasters. The campaign encourages and recommends families consider these three ideas when making a plan: who to call, where to meet, and what to pack.

Printable communication plans can be found on-line or make your own for personalization. Share your ideas with family, friends, and neighbors and encourage them to create plans. Be sure to practice your plan and update your

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contact numbers periodically when needed.

Build a Kit:

A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will likely not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You may not get help for hours or it may take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage your usual daily routine during these outages.

Get Involved:

Individuals and community organizations can Get Involved with CERT and/or Map Your Neighborhood to help communities lessen, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The whole community can participate in these programs and activities to make their families, homes and communities safer from risks and threats. Community leaders agree the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of volunteers, a trained and informed public, and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Major disasters can overwhelm first responder agencies, empowering individuals to lend support. That's where CERTs come in. MYN communities can also benefit themselves and take pressure off first responders by doing their part to participate and stay active.

Whether you're a seasoned CERT member with a complete kit and plan, a newer member in the beginning stages, or a member of the general public interested in doing more and learning more about how to get prepared Ashland CERT encourages you to take time to complete the above items.

Visit Ready.gov for more information.

Volunteer Training Opportunities

IS-700 - This live, all-discipline course provides training on and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Typically offered as a computer lesson unit followed by an exam will be offered to Ashland CERT members, but wait there's more...now you have the opportunity to immerse in the same material in a classroom setting provided by the City of Medford's Emergency Management Agency. Limited space is available for this course. If you should like to attend directly contact the Medford Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Larry Masterman at (541) 774-2091.

When: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Medford City Council Chambers, 411 W. 8th Street, Room # 300, Medford

Cost: free

ICS – 300 - Enhance your Incident Command skills, with a special focus on new concepts of the Incident Command System (ICS). The training and resources provided in this course will assist personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course will also benefit any person who has a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident.

You will participate in group activities that introduce the development of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and demonstrate the interactions between the Command and General Staff sections of the ICS.

Prerequisites (please note the requirements; this is an advanced course)

IS-100.b, FEMA Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100

IS-200.b, FEMA Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200

IS-700.a, Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

IS-800.b, National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction
Please note: Past completion of an earlier version of a prerequisite

When: Wednesday through Friday, October 22-24, 2014 ~ Start time 8:00 daily
 Where: City of Medford Carnegie Building, 413 W. Main Street, second floor, Medford
 To Register: email a request to larry.masterman@cityofmedford.org

ICS – 400 - Enhance your Incident Command skills, with a special focus on new concepts of the Incident Command System (ICS). The training and resources provided in this course will assist personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course will also benefit any person who has a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident.

This course builds upon information covered in the ICS-100, ICS-200, & ICS-300 courses and explains the roles & responsibilities of local, county, state, & federal agencies involved in managing an expanding incident.

You will participate in group activities that introduce the use of an Incident Complex and Area Command, and the interactions between Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) entities.

Prerequisites

IS-100.b, FEMA Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100
 IS-200.b, FEMA Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200
 ICS-300, Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
 IS-700.a, Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 IS-800.b, National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction
Please note: Past completion of an earlier version of a prerequisite course, e.g. ICS 100, is satisfactory

When: Wednesday & Thursday, November 19-20, 2014 ~ Start time 8:00 daily
 Where: City of Medford Carnegie Building, 413 W. Main Street, second floor, Medford
 To Register: email a request to larry.masterman@cityofmedford.org

Ashland Is Ready (AIR)

The second annual Ashland Is Ready (AIR) is coming November 1. This highly informational day will take place again in 2014 with a few minor tweaks and changes. Ashland Fire & Rescue will be announcing more information to the public in the coming months prior.

It's all about Emergency preparedness in a forum that provides tips and participants leave with a small, starter 72 –hour kit. Last year's event was a huge success. The event date again is November 1, and Registration will open on October 1.

Basic Life Support certification for Healthcare Providers offered

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: September 27th, 2014

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 2014 Calendar of Events

January 2014	February 2014	March 2014
General Meeting January 8 <i>(Cold-weather Shelter Operations)</i> Leadership Meeting January 22 <i>(Member Mission Compilation)</i> EOC TRAINING - FEBRUARY 1	General Meeting February 12 <i>(Avista~ Gas Water Heaters)</i> Emergency Food Prep & Tasting Saturday, February 8 Leadership Meeting February 26	General Meeting March 12 <i>(Preparing for Wildfire)</i> NO Leadership Meeting
April 2014	May 2014	June 2014
General Meeting April 9 <i>(Radio Communications)</i> Leadership Meeting April 23 <i>(Basic Planning)</i> Basic Training April 10-12 & 24-26	Base Inventory - May 10 Basic Graduation - General Meeting Leadership Meeting May 28 Base Bike Ride May 17 (9AM-1PM) CPR Night - May 22	Annual Phone Tree Test - June 7 Firefighter Rehab Mission Training June 7 General Meeting June 11 <i>(Safe Drinking Water)</i> Leadership Meeting June 25 <i>(Planning for 4th of July)</i>
July 2014	August 2014	September 2014
General Meeting July 9 <i>(Mass Casualty Incidents)</i> Evacuation Training—July 12 (9AM-1PM) Leadership Meeting July 23	General Meeting August 13 <i>(POD Training)</i> Leadership Meeting August 27 <i>(LEADERSHIP)</i> CERT BBQ—August 23	General Meeting September 10 <i>(Rescuer Safety)</i> Leadership Meeting September 24 <i>(Basic Planning)</i>
October 2014	November 2014	December 2014
Basic Training October 9-11 & 16-18 General Meeting October 8 Leadership Meeting October 24 Base Bike Ride—October 25	Disaster Psychology Advanced—Nov. 8 General Meeting— <i>Basic Graduation</i> <i>Refresher Training—November 15</i> Leadership Meeting November 19	CERT Year in Review /Awards December 10, 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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