



September 2015

*Neighbors Helping
Neighbors...*

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

September 9, Fire Station 1.
Opening Bases.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with
doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

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



Ready Neighbor News

National Preparedness Month

This September make a resolution to be prepared! FEMA and Ready.gov created the theme, "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today" for 2015.

Many Americans believe they are not susceptible to being impacted by disaster, but, the truth is, even if you are not in direct contact with the disaster you and your family may still be impacted. Because disasters can devastate entire communities without warning and leave chaos for many months following the initial impacts planning is essential for all homes and businesses. Creating a emergency communication plan is one of the essential components of preparedness. Prompting questions such as: What will your family do if...? Where we will meet if...? How will we contact each other if our cell phones do not work? Will your family know how to reunite?

Whether you take five minutes a day to do one thing or you plan a weekend to sit in disaster mode make the commitment to your family and loved ones to take action this September. Ashland CERT can help you in planning by providing information and resources to assist you in developing a unique plan that meets the needs of your unique family dynamics.

CERT recommends the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program as one of the many tools for preparedness. Our MYN program is designed to take all of the guess work and pressure off neighbors who want to organize strategically, but do not know where to begin. Ashland CERT takes all the guesswork away. Providing free services such as MYN and CERT basic training allows the community to pick what interests them, fits their scheduling needs, and implicates the most value. The next basic training session is scheduled for October 1st, 2nd and 3rd and 8th, 9th and 10th. Registration is free and easy. Contact the Ashland CERT office for more information or visit us on the web.





Location: Southern
Oregon University
Stevenson Union

Date: 9/12/2015

Vendors open at 12:00 pm

Program 1pm– 4:30pm

Ashland Is Ready

Are you and your family prepared for a disaster?

You will be better prepared to cope with a disaster and have greater resilience if you prepare *before* the disaster strikes. Let us help you be prepared with some tips and a kit.

When you attend an AIR workshop you will hear from local experts informing of localized hazards as well as how you can be informed and better prepared if a disaster should result.

In addition to presenters there will be demonstrations and vendors including Avista Utilities, COA - Electric Dept., Costco, Firewise, REI, Ashland Hardware, and others. **PRE - Registration Required.**

This community event costs \$10 which includes the cost of an assembled “72 hour” kit including a carry bag, flashlight, emergency blanket, whistle, first aid kit, water, and more.

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For information or to register contact:
Ashland Fire & Rescue 541-482-2770
www.ashland.or.us/air



Many Opportunities to Get Involved

Semi-annual test of the **Citizen Alert Emergency Notification System - Tuesday, September 8th** to broadcast at 10am. Call takers needed in two shifts 1) 9:30am-12:30pm and 2) 12:00pm-3:00pm. Report location: Jackson County EOC (Sheriff's Office), 5179 Crater Lake Hwy., Central Point, OR 97502. Contact your local CERT office if you are available to assist in call-taking; time frames include 30 minutes briefing and de-briefing.

If you have opted into Citizen Alert you will receive the test notification via your chosen paths. All landline users will receive the test notification automatically. If you do not have a landline and have not opted in you will not receive the test notification or future true alerts. The notification system will be used in events where critical information needs to be disseminated to many Jackson County residents immediately. Sign up today at www.ashland.or.us/alert

HAM Radio Technician Class - kicks off Thursday, September 10th and meets the following five Thursday evenings for a total of six classes. Course will be held in Medford from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Contact the instructor, Kirby Wheeler (KL7VK), to register or for questions at 541-665-2032 or kwheeler@ccountry.net

Basic Training

Ashland- October 1st, 2nd and 3rd and 8th, 9th and 10th.

Medford- October 16th-18th. Contact Nicolas Petersen for more information on enrolling / volunteering: 541-774-2090

Illinois Valley / Cave Junction- Saturdays - October 17th and 24th and November 7th. Contact Kris Sherman krissherman@ivfire.com for more information on registering or to volunteer to assist.

Rogue Valley Preparedness Fair - Saturday, September 19th from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Rogue Valley Mall in Medford. Volunteers are needed to staff CERT Info Booth in 2-3 hour shifts beginning at 10am. All Rogue Valley CERT members are encouraged to partake in this event. The RV Mall has graciously allowed the use of their space for the first fair of its kind. Many partner agencies will be represented including CERT, JC Animal Services and Humane Society, RVCOG, Medford Fire, District 3 Firewise, Mercy Flights, Medford PD, SAR, and many more. This family friendly event is sure to draw crowds from all over the valley and is a great opportunity to highlight your enthusiasm for CERT. Contact your local CERT office to volunteer.

American Heart Association Family & Friends Course

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only® CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible. Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card* in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life.

The cost of this course is \$5 which includes a student study book. This class takes approximately 2 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space.



TO REGISTER:

Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person between 8 AM – 4 PM Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland. Also accepting credit cards.

* This course does not provide a course completion card; however, students receive a tear-out participation card in their student manual.

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Time: 9am – 11am

Cost: \$5

Location: Ashland Community Center

For more information or to register contact: Ashland CERT Program
541-552-2226 | cert@ashland.or.us



CERT 2015 Calendar of Events

January 2015	February 2015	March 2015
General Meeting Jan 14 Movie Night: Cascadia Fault CERT Luncheon - Jan 20 Leadership Meeting Jan 20 - CERT Handbook JoCounty CERT Training - JAN. 30 - FEB. 1	General Meeting Feb 11 Avista: Carbon Monoxide Awareness Emergency Food Prep Challenge CERT Luncheon - Feb 17 Leadership Meeting Feb 25 - Everbridge Training	General Meeting March 11 - ECSO Tour CERT Luncheon - March 17 NO Leadership Meeting Base Inventory - March 7
April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
General Meeting April 8 - Building Triage CERT Luncheon April 21 Leadership Meeting April 22 (Basic Planning)	Basic Training General Meeting - Mercy Flights Leadership Meeting - Basic AAR Base Bike Ride - May 31	Firefighter Rehab Mission - June 6 General Meeting - Basic Graduation CERT Luncheon - June 16 Leadership Meeting - Parade Planning
July 2015	August 2015	September 2015
Parade Support - July 4 General Meeting July 8 - Radio Communications Evacuation Training - July 11 CERT Luncheon - July 21 Leadership Meeting - July 22 - Parade AAR	General Meeting Aug 12 - Sharon Lee guest speaker - TICK TALKS CERT Luncheon - August 18 Leadership Meeting August 27 - Advanced Communications CERT BBQ - August 22	General Meeting Sept 9 - Opening Bases AIR - Ashland Is Ready - Sept. 12 CERT Luncheon - Sept 15 Rogue Valley Preparedness Fair - Sept. 19 Leadership Meeting Sept 23 - Basic Planning
October 2015	November 2015	December 2015
Basic Training - October 1-3 and 8-10 General Meeting Oct 14 - Basic Graduation CERT Luncheon - Oct 20 Leadership Meeting Oct 28 Base Bike Ride - October 18	Certified Driver Training - Nov 14 NO General Meeting CERT Luncheon - Nov 17 Leadership Meeting Nov 18 - Annual Planning	CERT Annual Review - Dec 9 CERT Luncheon - Dec 15 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 Station1.

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TO: