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Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Ready Neighbor News

CERT Members Assist in Search for Missing Man

Ashland CERT mobilized at 7 AM on Monday July 26, 2010 to assist Jackson County Search and Rescue in its search for Kevin Nay, a 50-year-old California man with dementia who had been missing since 8 PM the night before from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

The timing could not have been better for CERT's participation. Just a few days earlier, Richard Randleman, CERT Coordinator and Dan Ragen, SAR Liaison for CERT, met with Jackson County Search and Rescue to develop a partnership for assisting SAR during searches within Ashland. "We hoped to have more time to prepare for our new role with search and rescue but didn't have that luxury," commented Richard Randleman, CERT Program Coordinator. "In this situation CERT members rose to the occasion and executed like professionals. We were all relieved that Mr. Nay was found unharmed."



CERT Assists JCSAR

This is the first time Ashland CERT has mobilized for a search and rescue mission. However, CERT members receive search and rescue instruction during basic training and search missions fit within CERT's goal of being prepared for disasters. "The experience we gained today will certainly help us better prepare for disasters while fulfilling a community need," commented Randleman.

Jackson County Search and Rescue was lightly staffed with its recent participation in the county fair and another search mission on Mount McLoughlin that concluded Sunday afternoon. "Ashland CERT members really saved us," said Mark Mihaljevich, Jackson County Search and Rescue Search Manager. "We just completed another search yesterday and we were pretty short of manpower so having CERT's assistance was a tremendous help."

CERT Stays Until the Mission is Complete

During the search and rescue mobilization, CERT members were committed to removing the fliers that were put up during the search efforts.

As a result CERT left the city as it was found with no wind-blown fliers on the ground or posted on buildings and telephone poles for weeks to come. As

the mobilization operations officer I was proud of CERT's discipline and willingness to stay after the mobilization ended. I think that says good things about CERT; we don't just stop when the high profile activity is done, but follow through and make sure stuff gets cleaned up.

Tim Learmont

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Next Meeting Dates:

Leadership Meeting:

August 25, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

General Meeting:

September 8, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

National Preparedness Month



is fast approaching!

Get to Know Lincoln Base

This is the first in a series of articles providing information to Ashland CERT members about the various coverage areas (both within Ashland, and in future articles, beyond Ashland).

We don't know where a disaster will strike, and the need for CERT members may be someplace other than their "home base". By learning more about the other areas, CERT members will be better prepared to meet the need.

The Base:

Lincoln Base is roughly bounded by Roca Canyon and Ashland Creek on the east and west, and Main St/ Siskiyou Blvd and the city boundary on the north and south.

Lincoln is home to more than 40 Ashland CERT members. Note that in addition to many homes, Lincoln also covers the Plaza and the businesses on the south side of E. Main St. (including the Ashland Springs Hotel), and the area around OSF. While SOU is not part of Lincoln's territory (they are organizing their own response team), we may be requested to help out in a disaster, given their geographic proximity.

Wildfire Risk:

As with Briscoe and Terra, Lincoln has many homes in the Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI). To facilitate evacuating the residents, the City of Ashland has designated some routes as evacuation routes. For Lincoln, that basically means many, but not all of the "straight down the hill" streets are designated as evacuation routes (see http://www.ashland.or.us/Files/Wildfire_Evac_Routes.pdf for details). Remember that evacuation routes serve two purposes: directing residents out of the area in an efficient manner *and* keeping other streets clear so that the Fire Department can get UP TO the fire.

In Lincoln, as with many other older parts of the city, properties may contain second living units that are accessed from alleys. When conducting a door-to-door evacuation notification, it will be important to accurately record all addresses that you notify, so we can verify that all residences have been handled.

Flooding Risk:

With its mostly hilly terrain, one might suspect that Lincoln would not be susceptible to flooding. That might be true if you ignored the Ashland Creek and Roca Canyon areas which can channel water flowing down the hill. Additionally, the TID ditch also runs through Lincoln (as well as Terra and Briscoe). While we can hope that any excessive flooding that happens at Emigrant Lake won't be funneled into the TID ditch, any run-off down the hill that reaches the TID ditch may be transported laterally to another area and cause flooding.

If Hostler Dam were to break, water would come flooding down the Ashland Creek drainage, inundating Lithia Park and the surrounding areas on its way down to Bear Creek. There are early warning sirens to warn of any problems. The two sirens in the Lincoln area are at the Parks & Recreation Department in Lithia Park and on top of the Bowmer Theater. If you are in the Lithia Park area or near Ashland Creek and hear one of these sirens go off, listen carefully for the subsequent message.

Earthquake / Slide Risk:

Having the Ashland Springs Hotel and OSF within its boundaries means that a major earthquake might involve many injured people. Depending on how other parts of the city fare, Lincoln team may need to get help from other CERT teams.

In addition, an earthquake (or flooding) might trigger a landslide/

mudslide affecting some steep hillside areas. Some CERT members may remember the Latgawa exercise to practice just this scenario! For those who were not able to be a part of that exercise, much of the same rules apply as to an earthquake activation. However, be warned that a mudslide can travel much more quickly than you might imagine, and always be prepared to leave the area and get to safe ground.

Trivia about Lincoln Base:

- ◆ Lincoln base is *not* at Lincoln School! Join us on the Base Bike Ride on Sept 18th or contact the CERT office for the Lincoln Base location.
- ◆ Ashland St. and Iowa St. both have segments in Lincoln that are not continuous with their segments on the other side of Siskiyou Blvd. The SOU Campus splits Ashland St., and Ashland High School splits Iowa St.
- ◆ Waterline Road is also not continuous for cars. There is a segment off Ashland Loop Road (near Terrace), and another off Morton.
- ◆ Don't confuse Beach St. (a major street in Lincoln, with a stop light at Siskiyou) with Beach Ave. (a one way street that joins Gresham and Hargadine).
- ◆ Vista St. and Meade St. can be confusing, especially if you're walking up Vista from Fork. Near the intersection with Hillcrest and Glenview, Vista takes a sharp turn, but the continuation is Meade St.

We invite you to spend some time exploring Lincoln's area to familiarize yourself with its unique features.

Submitted by Tim Learmont

CERT Calendar of Events

August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
Leadership Meeting August 25	National Preparedness Month General Meeting September 8 Leadership Meeting September 22 Reunion & Volunteer Celebration September 25 @ the Grove	General Meeting October 13 SOU—CERT Basic Course (elective) tbd Leadership Meeting October 27
November 2010	December 2010	January 2011
General Meeting November 3 CERT Fall Basic Training Nov 5-13 Awards and Graduation event Nov 17 (no leadership meeting)	No General Meeting Holiday Season Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting	General Meeting January 12 CERT Annual Tabletop Exercise and Planning Meeting Leadership Meeting January 26
February 2011	March 2011	April 2011
General Meeting February 9 CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise Leadership Meeting February 23	General Meeting March 9 CERT Advanced / Leadership Training—tbd Leadership Meeting March 23	General Meeting April 13 CERT Spring Basic Training April 15-23 Awards and Graduation event April 27 (no leadership meeting)
May 2011	June 2011	July 2011
General Meeting May 11 CERT Refresher / Leadership Training Leadership Meeting May 25	General Meeting June 8 WUI Walk – Fire Evacuation Training Leadership Meeting June 22	General Meeting July WUI Walk – Fire Evacuation Training Leadership Meeting July

This is a planning calendar, please notify Richard if there are missing events or if you would like to add an event idea.

Base Bike Ride September 18

Come join us for our popular "Base Bike Ride" on Sept. 18th.

We'll have fun visiting the various Ashland CERT bases and even get in a bit of CERT refresher training.

Don't think you can handle pedaling between the bases? Join us for some (or all) of the refresher training using other modes of transport.

We're still finalizing the plans so look for details next month (or contact the CERT office in September).

If you're interested in helping out with the planning or during the event, contact the CERT office.



CERT Base Bike Ride 2009

National Disaster Preparedness Month Events

The CERT leadership team has great things planned for National Disaster Preparedness Month in September. Below is a summary:

September 11: CERT plans to host a booth at Blackstone Audio's fundraiser benefiting Ashland Fire & Rescue at Blackstone's facility.

September 18: The popular base bike ride is back and being organized by Tim Learmont and Joe Carroll. Plans include refresher training and an opportunity for all CERT members (even those who don't ride) to become familiar with our bases.

September 25: The final event is a preparedness workshop, CERT reunion, and emergency volunteer celebration at The Grove. The planning committee and leadership team are developing the final plan.

2010 Disaster Preparedness Month Theme:

**"Get a Kit, Make a Plan,
Get Involved"**

Plans are for emergency related volunteer organizations from Southern Oregon to host info tables for participants to learn about their programs such as other CERTs, MRC, VIPs, and COAD. The tentative schedule is below:

0730- Open for exhibitor set up, registration and rehab station (coffee, water, snacks etc.)

0830-0930 - Volunteer exhibits open

0930-1000 - Disaster Preparedness Kit Presentation

1000-1030 - Disaster Preparedness Plan Presentation

1030-1100 - Map Your Neighborhood Presentation

1100 -1130 - Firewise Communities

1130-1200 - Citizen Corps Volunteer Opportunities Presentation

1200-1300 - Break – Volunteer service exhibits open.

1300 – CERT Reunion and Volunteer Celebration Begins

1300-1400 – Ashland CERT Heritage Presentation "Where we came from and what we have done."

1400-1500 - Keynote speaker

1500-1600 – Volunteer awards presentation

1600 - Adjourn

1600-1700 - Clean up

Please let Richard know if you would like to participate in the event planning or during the event.

We also need long-time CERT members to help tell their story for the heritage presentation.

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