



September 2010

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

# Ready Neighbor News

## PREPAREDNESS MONTH... ARE YOU READY?

Do you have emergency supplies set aside in case there's a disaster? Does your family have an emergency plan? For many people, planning for an emergency or disaster isn't a priority. According to the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey, only 36 percent of individuals believed there was a high likelihood of a natural disaster to EVER happen in their community. Many people think they have everything they need in the event of an emergency at hand, and can simply grab and go. You are your family's first responder, and in many ways you are your neighbor's first responder. All of us as participants in our communities and members of our families need to take concrete steps to proactively prepare for emergencies and disasters. Local, state, and national authorities are going to help, but they may not be able to get to you right away. We all need to be prepared for those first 72 hours before help can reach us.

### CHECK ON READINESS

✓ 57% of people report they have readiness items set aside in their homes for use in a disaster and less than half of households have an emergency plan.

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✓ 42% of individuals report they will need help during a disaster.

September is National Preparedness Month, the perfect time to take action and get your family Ready. Readiness comes in many forms and preparedness is everyone's responsibility. We have to work together, as a team, to ensure that our families, neighborhoods, and communities are Ready. Get an emergency supply kit. Make a family emergency plan. Be informed about the risks in your area. Work with your neighbor and know who might need just a little extra help.

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### Next Meeting Dates:

#### Leadership Meeting:

September 22, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

#### General Meeting:

October 13, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP 9/25

Disasters can happen at any time, so it is important for individuals and families to be prepared at home, at work, and in the car. Don't wait until it's too late to take action. Attend Ashland CERT's disaster preparedness workshop at The Grove in Ashland on September 25th from 8 AM to 12 PM. Ashland CERT will show you how to get a kit, make a plan, and get involved so you, your family, and your neighbors are better prepared for the next disaster.

### AGENDA:

- 0800-0900 - Exhibits open include "Make a Kit" CERT, Firewise, MYN.
- 0900-0930 - Disaster Preparedness Kit Presentation
- 0930-1000 - Disaster Preparedness Plan Presentation
- 1000-1030 - Map Your Neighborhood Presentation
- 1030-1100 - Firewise Communities Presentation
- 1100-1130 - Citizen Corps Volunteer Opportunities Presentation
- 1130-1230 - Exhibits and workshop conclusion

Plan Now.  
Work Together.  
Be Ready.



Take steps this month to prepare your family, neighborhood and community for emergencies and disasters

## CERT Calendar of Events

September 2010	October 2010	November 2010
<b>National Preparedness Month</b> <b>Base Bike Ride September 18</b> Leadership Meeting September 22 <b>Disaster Preparedness Workshop</b> <b>September 25 @ the Grove</b>	General Meeting October 13 <b>Phone Tree Test October 14</b> <b>SOU—CERT Basic Course Oct 19-29</b> Leadership Meeting October 27	General Meeting November 3 <b>CERT Fall Basic Training Nov 5-13</b> <b>Awards and Graduation event Nov 17</b> (no leadership meeting)
December 2010	January 2011	February 2011
<b>CERT Year End Review – Awards 2 DEC</b> <b>CERT Hosted ICS 300-400 Classes 6-9 DEC</b> No General Meeting Holiday Season Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting	General Meeting January 12 <b>CERT Annual Tabletop Exercise</b> <b>and Planning Meeting</b> Leadership Meeting January 26	General Meeting February 9 <b>CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise</b> <b>Post Disaster Recovery Mission Training</b> Leadership Meeting February 23
March 2011	April 2011	May 2011
General Meeting March 9 <b>CERT Advanced / Leadership Training—tbd</b> Leadership Meeting March 23	National Volunteer Week April 10-16 General Meeting April 13 <b>CERT Spring Basic Training April 15-23</b> Awards and Graduation event April 27 (no leadership meeting)	General Meeting May 11 <b>Fire Fighter &amp; Victim Rehab and Fire</b> <b>Evacuation Training- tbd</b> Leadership Meeting May 25
June 2011	July 2011	August 2011
General Meeting June 8 <b>CERT Refresher / Leadership Training</b> Leadership Meeting Jun 22	<b>Support of 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park</b> General Meeting July 13 <b>Search &amp; Rescue Mission Training</b> Leadership Meeting July 27	General Meeting August 10 <b>CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise</b> Leadership Meeting August 24

Significant events are denoted in **bold**. Notify Richard if there are missing events or if you would like to add an event.

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