



Ready Neighbor News

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
July 8 - Remote Topic: TBA
(Base Tours pre-scheduled).
Meeting starts at 6 PM with
open conversation at 5:30.

Leadership Meeting:
July 22 - Remote Topic:
CERT Planning.
Meeting starts at 6 PM with
open conversation at 5:30.



Changes in community preparedness

The Ashland CERT Program will experience some changes moving forward to include the full-time coordinator position will be reduced to part-time. The hours of operations for the coordinator will be released when made available. The monthly CERT newsletter will only be released on a quarterly basis. The months of the publication will be made public when available. The newsletter will continue to be emailed and made available on the website. The Map Your Neighborhood program may no longer be supported directly, though volunteers may be able to continue facilitation independently. Additionally, anything not directly related to the management of the CERT program itself will not be made available unless deemed as part of "other duties as assigned" through the department.

To assist volunteers, and the public, in understanding the changes and duties of the non-exempt part-time CERT Program Coordinator, an excerpt from the job description follows:

Organizes, recruits, trains, and provides direction for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program; promotes and supports neighborhood disaster preparedness by performing disaster training for CERT volunteers, planning volunteer activities and assignments, and providing emergency preparedness information to the citizens of Ashland; and performs other work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The incumbent plans and implements a wide variety of activities designed to promote the Ashland CERT program.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Receives general supervision from the Fire Chief or their designee.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The employee in this classification does not directly supervise other employees, but does provide indirect/lead supervision over program volunteers.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

The duties listed below are only intended as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related and/or a logical assignment to the classification.

Develop and coordinate recruitment efforts to enlist CERT program volunteers; implement program publicity and advertising activities; plan meetings and activities for the CERT program, including monthly public general meetings, and leadership meetings;

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support volunteer planning activities; coordinate the organization of neighborhood teams.

Respond to inquiries from the public and CERT volunteers regarding household and neighborhood emergency preparedness, training opportunities, and other local resources; publish a quarterly newsletter, maintain CERT website, and preserve photo/video archives.

Plan, coordinate and instruct CERT basic training sessions; develop on-going CERT training opportunities and provide instruction to CERT volunteers.

Prepare annual CERT operating budget and oversee program expenditures in accordance with City financial policies; identify and procure materials and services needed to maintain core CERT program functions.

Identify, track and maintain all equipment utilized by CERT, including neighborhood bases and CERT personal protective equipment.

Write, follow, and update procedures relating to area of expertise; track, document, and report information relating to areas of expertise.

Assist and support work unit performance; work cooperatively with other work unit members; provide positive support to internal and external customers.

Follow all safety rules and procedures established for work areas.

AUXILIARY JOB FUNCTIONS:

Coordinate CERT participation in citywide emergency management exercises and activations as time allows.

Because the PTE position is designed to keep the CERT program intact, actively involved volunteers are not expected to experience a change in the continuity of operations. The intention to provide ongoing training, leadership opportunities, and two annual intro sessions remains part of our mission as defined above.

Each and every Oregonian should do their part in being prepared for disaster by having a plan, creating a kit, being informed, and getting involved.



Face coverings mandatory in Oregon indoor settings during COVID

Face covering requirements apply to indoor public spaces, take effect on Wednesday, July 1

Portland, OR—Governor Kate Brown announced that Oregonians statewide will be required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, beginning this Wednesday July 1. The guidance applies to businesses and members of the public visiting indoor public spaces. Face covering requirements are already mandated in eight counties.

“From the beginning of the reopening process, I have said that reopening comes with the risk of seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases beyond our health systems’ capacity to test, trace, and isolate them,” said Governor Kate Brown. “Over the last month, we have seen the disease spread at an alarming rate in both urban and rural counties. The upcoming July 4th holiday weekend is a critical point for Oregon in this pandemic, and we can all make a difference.

“Modeling from the Oregon Health Authority shows that if we don’t take further action to reduce the spread of the disease, our hospitals could be overwhelmed by new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations within weeks.

“The choices every single one of us make in the coming days matter.

“Face coverings that cover your nose and mouth play a critical role in reducing the spread of this disease because droplets from our breath can carry the virus to others without us realizing it. If we all wear face coverings, practice six feet of physical distancing in public, wash our hands regularly, and stay home when we are sick, then we can avoid the worst-case scenarios that are now playing out in other states.

“I do not want to have to close down businesses again like other states are now doing. If you want your local shops and restaurants to stay open, then wear a face covering when out in public.

“Please keep your Fourth of July celebrations small and local. We saw a lot of new COVID-19 cases following the Memorial Day holiday. Another spike in cases after the upcoming holiday weekend could put Oregon in a dangerous position.

“Oregonians have all made incredible sacrifices over the last several months that have saved thousands of lives. The actions we take now can protect our friends, neighbors, loved ones, and fellow Oregonians from this disease, and prevent the need for another statewide shutdown. We are truly all in this together.” said Brown.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) will take the lead, along with other state and local agencies, in enforcing face covering requirements for all covered Oregon businesses.

<https://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=36869>

Fourth of July in Ashland

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce canceled their annual parade and fireworks display for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Local residents and visitors are encouraged to use safe-best-practices during this holiday weekend including maintaining 6-foot physical distancing from anyone not in your immediate household, wearing a face covering in all indoor settings, frequent handwashing, and general hygiene practices while out and about.

The City of Ashland prohibits the use of fireworks throughout the year in the city per Ashland Municipal Code 15.28-070(C). You are urged to refrain from use. Fire danger = moderate.

FIREWORKS



PROHIBITED

CERT 2020 Calendar of Events

January 2020	February 2020	March 2020
Mental Health First Aid – January 4 General Meeting - January 8 (Stop the Bleed) Leadership Meeting - January 22 (Task Books)	Response to Active Shooter Event – Feb. 8 Disaster Recovery Planning – February 10 General Meeting - February 12 (MYN) Leadership Meeting - February 26 (New CERT Curriculum)	WFA NOLS – March 7-8 General Meeting - March 11 (GPS Units) Leadership Meeting - March 25 (Basic Training Planning) HAM EXAM – date TBA
April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
Basic Training – CANCELED General Meeting – April 8 (Lyme Disease & Tick Talk) Leadership Meeting - April 22 (CERT Planning)	General Meeting – May 13 (CERT Skills) EM Permaculture Tips & Tricks – TBA Leadership Meeting - May 27 (CERT & COVID) Nixle EM Alerting Campaign – TBA	General Meeting - June 10 (Radio Skills) Leadership Meeting - June 24 (Event Planning) ODOT EM Traffic Flagger – TBA in 2021
July 2020	August 2020	September 2020
Parade Support – CANCELED General Meeting - July 8 (Base Tours) Leadership Meeting - July 22 (Parade AAR) Leadership Training Retreat – TBA in 2021	General Meeting - August 12 (Urban Emergency Preparedness) Leadership Meeting - August 26 (Activating Bases & ICS) COA Evacuation Drill – date TBA	Hosler Dam Drill – September 9 General Meeting – Sept. 9 (Basic Planning) All-Bases Radio Exercise - Sept. 19 Leadership Meeting - September 25 (Basic Training Planning)
October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Basic Training - October 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24 Jackson County Fire District 5 Open House October 14 5pm-7pm Leadership Meeting - October 28 (Basic AAR)	Team Leadership Training – Nov. 7 Basic Graduation – Tuesday, November 10 Leadership Meeting – Tuesday, November 17 (Annual Training Planning Session)	CERT Appreciation Night December 9 - 5:30 to 8:30 PM Holiday Season ~ Training Stand Down

Note: ****Calendar items may be modified and are subject to cancellation. ****

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