



Ready Neighbor News

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
 March 11, Fire Station 1.
 Topic: GPS Units.
 Meeting starts at 6:00 with doors open at 5:30 PM.

Leadership Meeting:
 March 25, Fire Station 1.
 Topic: Basic Training Planning.
 Meeting starts at 6:00 with doors open at 5:30 PM.



Emergency Preparedness Bill

As I compile the March newsletter in late-February, I am compelled to share information regarding a State Bill focusing its effort in disaster preparedness. With a little help from local volunteers, I believe the summary of the Bill might be interesting for our readers. Obviously, our office (Ashland CERT collectively) has no political stance of the bill other than providing general information to our readers who share a passion for preparedness.

The funding request, packaged in SB 1537, is accompanied by a comprehensive policy to address overall emergency preparedness related to a natural disaster including, a campaign to ensure Oregonians have two weeks of supplies ready; safety assessments on high-risk dams for seismic updates and upgrades; and updates to Oregon’s resilience plan and coastal resilience plan. The overall package seeks a \$12.7 million investment for implementation.

Thanks to one of our awesome volunteers, I am able to break down a summary you will not find on the internet including the basic directives from each section of the bill.

Section 1

OEM to develop and administer a “Two-Week Ready Oregon” program, which has already begun as “Be Two Weeks Ready”.

The program is to reach 250,000 Oregon households.

OEM to partner with various governments, NGO’s, business, others, to assess readiness and assist households in becoming 2-weeks ready.



Section 2

OEM Director to establish a Two-Week Ready Task Force to:

Consist of seven representatives of: local, state, tribal and federal government; NGOs; private sector; and academia.

Advise OEM on development of the program.

Analyze current preparedness data, community demographics, preparedness impediments, existing resources and gaps.

Recommend methodology to:

assess number of current 2-weeks ready households, and track progress toward program goals.

Recommend methods to ensure culturally and linguistically competent outreach to populations/communities that are:

low-income, rural, geographically isolated, and/or underserved

Emergency Preparedness Bill ...continued...

Section 4

Higher Education Coordinating Commission to issue a \$7,500,000 grant to University of Oregon to construct 10 seismic stations by 6/20/2023, as part of the ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system.

Section 5

Treasurer may issue bonds to raise the \$7,500,000 for the above grant.

Section 6

OEM to develop earthquake safety educational outreach campaign to raise awareness of the ShakeAlert early warning system and to educate the public on protective measures to take.

The campaign must include:

- outreach to low-income, underserved, rural, geographically isolated communities,
- incorporation of drop, cover, and hold materials,
- evaluation of messaging efficacy,
- development of evaluation metrics,
- creation of multimedia content for traditional and social media, and
- age-appropriate educational resources.

Section 7

OEM to create advisory committee of 15 members, sunseting on 1/2/2024, to advise the office on this campaign.

Section 9

By 9/30/2021, Oregon Homeland Security Council to identify 10 locations to serve as staging areas.

Staging areas to provide safety, humanitarian and other short-term recovery services.

Council to consult with OEM, State Resilience Officer and emergency management agencies /program managers.

Council to determine requirements for staging areas for:

- safety and security measures,
- storage capacity,
- Independent energy supplies,
- communication capabilities,
- traffic management and control equipment,
- medical supplies, and other necessary resources

Section 10

OEM to develop grant program for establishing and maintaining staging areas.

May issue grants to develop Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Teams.

May issue grants for up to two Incident Management Teams per staging area.

Section 11

OEM to issue grants to:

- establish one staging area before 9/30/2022
 - develop one Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team by 9/30/2022.
- Before 9/30/2022, develop strategic plan for establishing additional management teams:
- operational beginning 7/1/2023, and
 - four every two years over the 10-year period.

Emergency Preparedness Billcontinued....

Section 12

Water Resources Department to evaluate dams for safety issues, including seismic and extreme flooding events.

Section 13

Department to establish an 11-member Dam Safety Task Force

appointed by the Water Resources Director, in consultation with the Governor.

task force to identify ways to prioritize dam repairs and safety projects and evaluate and recommend funding mechanisms.

Section 15

State Resilience Officer, consulting with Portland State University, to update Oregon Resilience Plan by 12/1/2021, to include: long-term resiliency plan for state, local and tribal governments; and the private sector.

resiliency scorecard to assess state and local capabilities to respond to and recover from emergencies.

update by the Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, in consultation with the Resilience Officer, of the Resilience Plan chapter relating to coastal communities, to include:

outreach plan to ensure inclusion of underserved communities in state and local resiliency plans;

recommendations for best practices for large-scale debris removal;

recommendations for mitigation strategies of addressing consequences of disconnection from transportation networks, power grid or other infrastructure;

update of boundaries of tsunami inundation zone, via public process.

Section 16

The bill appropriates \$2.7M to the Oregon Military Department for:

development and administration of the Two Weeks Ready Oregon Program

creation of Two Weeks Ready Task Force

development of grant program for staging areas

development of:

one staging area by 9/30/2022

one Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team by 9/30/2022

strategic plan for additional Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Teams - four every two years over the 10-year period, beginning 7/1/2023.

Section 17

The bill appropriates \$375,000 to the Oregon Military Department for:

earthquake safety educational outreach campaign

advisory committee for developing outreach campaign

Section 18

The bill appropriates \$2M To Water Resources Department for:

evaluation of dams

creation of Dam Safety Task Force

Section 19

The bill appropriates \$125,000 of Office of the Governor for the State Resilience Officer to carry out the Resiliency Plan Update

Many of you involved in supporting ShakeAlert in Oregon shall be keeping an eye on this I imagine. Many thanks to those who helped put this info guide together without any political stance. Thank you volunteers.

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 – April 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25 General Meeting – April 8 (Tick talk / Lyme Disease) Leadership Meeting - April 22 (Basic Planning) AAR Basic Training – April 29	General Meeting – May 13 (Basic Graduation) EM Permaculture Tips & Tricks – May 16 Leadership Meeting - May 27 (1st Aid Kits & CERT go-bags) Nixle EM Alerting Campaign – May 30	General Meeting - June 10 (Radio Skills) Leadership Meeting - June 24 (Event Planning - 4th of July Parade) ODOT EM Traffic Flagger – June 27
July 2020	August 2020	September 2020
Parade Support – July 4 General Meeting - July 8 (Base Tours) Leadership Meeting - July 22 (Parade AAR) Leadership Training Retreat – July 24-28	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: General meetings are open to the public. Doors open at 5:30pm. Meetings are from 6-8:30pm at Fire Station 1.

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