



September 2019

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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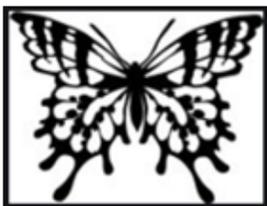
Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

Sept. 11 Fire Station 1. Topic: Vulnerable Populations. Meeting starts at 6:00 with doors open at 5:30 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

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



Wildfire Season - It's not over yet!

With soaring late August temperatures, thunderstorm weather, and continued arid conditions citizens must continue to be diligent in keeping Oregon wildfire free. Wildfire spreads fast, and it is critical to take each daily action very seriously. Here are some basic tips brought to you by the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare yourself and your property in the event of an approaching wildfire.

Property Protection:

- Regularly clean roof and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester that meets the requirements of National Fire Protection Association Standard 211. (Contact your local fire department for exact specifications.)
- Use 1/8 –inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas, and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof, and attic.
- Install a smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries at least once each year.
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools; a rake, axe, handsaw or chain saw, bucket, and shovel.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.

If Evacuation Occurs:

- Wear protective clothing.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Tell someone when you left and where you are going.
- Choose a route away from fire hazards.
- Close windows, vents, doors, blinds, or noncombustible window coverings.
- Shut off all utilities, if possible.
- Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home.
- Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut noncombustible coverings.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Place combustible patio furniture inside.



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- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Set up the portable gasoline-powered pump.
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near aboveground fuel tanks.
- Wet or remove shrubs 15 feet of the home.
- Gather fire tools.

While these hints are important, please keep in mind that one of the most important part of keeping yourself safe is being informed, staying safe, and making a plan. The DPSST Fire Program encourages everyone to seek additional information through USFS, FEMA, and from your local fire service agency. One great resource is FEMA's "How to Prepare for a Wildfire" found here: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/14090038593910e8ad1ed42c129f11fbc23d008d1ee85/how_to_prepare_wildfire_033014_508.pdf

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month

This year's campaign, Prepared Not Scared, encourages home and financial preparedness, disaster planning, teaching youth to prepare, and how to get involved in community preparedness. Weekly themes throughout the month provide focal points in getting prepared.

Some experts indicate you should budget three months towards disaster planning including all the bills you would typically pay in case you needed to stay elsewhere during recovery efforts. Having an emergency savings account can help out in all kinds of situations. Financial preparedness, however, also includes safeguarding critical documents such as identification, legal documents, medical information, insurance information and more.

Create a disaster plan by evaluating hazards in your area and planning how you will respond. Your plan should absolutely include signing up for local emergency alerts and understanding the difference between sheltering in place versus evacuation and what you will do in both instances. Consider apps for your smartphone that provide warnings for the specific hazards identified where you live and travel. Once you've developed your plan be sure to practice your plan regularly.

Always include children in the preparedness process. Children need to understand what to do in a catastrophic event as well. Allow children to provide input and assist with the implementation including practice to familiarize them with what can be expected in an emergency.

And finally, get the entire family involved in community preparedness. Every community has opportunities to volunteer and learn more about preparedness. Some of the free opportunities in the Rogue Valley include Community Emergency Response Team training and the American Red Cross who also provides training and resources. If you don't have time for a volunteer organization consider taking a First Aid or CPR course.

As part of National Preparedness Month, the Division of Financial Regulation and the Oregon Insurance Commissioner's Office are declaring the first week as "Home Inventory Week" encouraging Oregonians to do two things. First, build a quick and easy home inventory of your belongings; and second, sit down and speak with an insurance agent to make sure you have the right coverage.

Home inventory can be easily accomplished by taking pictures of each item in each room of your home, then documenting the item's description such as make, model, type, price, where purchased, age, etc. Document anything and everything you recall about the item. Some items may have been inherited, but provide as much info as possible to be certain an insurance representative can agree with stated value.

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If the task seems cumbersome find a starting point and follow a systematic approach to project success including starting with large furniture items first and moving onto smaller and smaller items, or you could spend a day in each room with a left to right room pattern or vice versa. Don't forget the small stuff such as jewelry and electronics. Spread the task over several days or the entire month if necessary.

Once you've completed your home inventory, you should make an appointment to speak with an insurance representative to safeguard your property whether you rent or own. You want to protect your investments. If you have items that are irreplaceable such as family photos consider digitizing them and putting them on the cloud. Remember most home and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage.

It's never too late, or too early, to start preparing!

Jackson County Fire District 5 - Open House - October 8

JCFD5 announced a date change ** for this year's Open House. Next month you are encouraged to attend Open House Tuesday, October 8 from 5pm-7pm at Station 1 located at 5811 S Pacific Hwy. in Phoenix-Talent. The annual Open House promises free hot dogs and chips to attendees along with many opportunities to learn more about fire suppression. This event is a must for the kiddos as they are able to explore all the fun kid-friendly activities as well. The event is free for the entire family.

*This event takes the place of the regularly scheduled Wednesday General Meeting for CERT volunteers.***

American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course

Basic Life Support (BLS) is intended for Healthcare providers and other students seeking training and certification in CPR. This course teaches critical concepts of high quality CPR, use of an automated external defibrillator, and relief choking for victims of all ages.

The cost for this course is \$65, which includes a student study book and card*. The class takes approximately 5 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space.

*Upon successful completion, students will receive an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

When: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Where: Ashland Fire Station #2

Time: 9 am - 2 pm

Cost: \$65

Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 9 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8 AM - 4 PM | Monday - Friday at Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland.

For information or to register contact the CPR Program Coordinator
541-482-2770 | cpr@ashland.or.us

The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in BLS, ACLS, and PALS and has developed instructional materials for this purpose. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association. Any fees charged for such a course, except for a portion of fees needed for AHA course materials, do not represent income to the Association.



CERT 2019 Calendar of Events

January 2019	February 2019	March 2019
Flood Fight USACE - January 5 General Meeting - January 9 ** 5pm - 9pm ** (<i>ALICE</i>) Leadership Meeting - January 23	ODOT Flagger & EM Control - February 9 General Meeting - February 13 (<i>Medical First Aid Skills</i>) Leadership Meeting - February 27 (<i>CERT Member Participation</i>)	General Meeting - March 13 (<i>Leadership Roles</i>) LabX Preparedness Game - March 15 & 16 Leadership Meeting - March 27
April 2019	May 2019	June 2019
Basic Training - April 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20 General Meeting - April 10 (<i>Search Markings & Cribbing</i>) Leadership Meeting - April 24 (<i>Basic AAR</i>)	Evacuation Messaging Campaign - May 4 General Meeting - May 8 (<i>Basic Training Graduation</i>) Leadership Meeting - May 22 (<i>Base Tours</i>)	Leadership Retreat - June 7-9 RV Airport Exercise - June 11 General Meeting - June 12 (<i>Urban Foraging</i>) Leadership Meeting - June 26 (<i>Event Planning - 4th of July</i>)
July 2019	August 2019	September 2019
Parade Support - July 4 General Meeting - July 10 (<i>Smoke</i>) Surprise Evacuation Drill - 7/20 Driving Routes - July 24 Leadership Meeting - July 24 (<i>4th of July AAR</i>)	General Meeting - August 14 (<i>CERT Skills</i>) Defusing Adverse Situations - August 24 Leadership Meeting - August 28 (<i>Activating Bases & ICS</i>)	General Meeting - September 11 (<i>Vulnerable Populations</i>) Evacuation Scenario - September 21 Leadership Meeting - September 25 (<i>Planning for Basic Training</i>)
October 2019	November 2019	December 2019
Basic Training - Oct. 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19 JCFD5 Open House - October 8 - (5pm-7pm) Leadership Meeting - October 23 (<i>Basic AAR</i>)	Resiliency Skills - November 2 General Meeting - November 13 (<i>Basic Training Graduation</i>) Leadership Meeting - November 20 (<i>Annual Training Planning Session</i>)	CERT Year in Review December 11 - 5:00 to 8:00 PM No Meetings 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 Station1.

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