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*Neighbors Helping
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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
February 9, Fire Station 1

Leadership Meeting:
February 23, Fire Station 1

Both meetings start at 6:30
with doors open at 6:00 PM.



Ready Neighbor News

Advanced Training Announced March 12-13

Ashland CERT will conduct its advanced training March 12-13 at Buckhorn Springs retreat in Ashland. Buckhorn Springs is a historic and rustic, although refined, retreat with a great reputation for outstanding food and accommodations. See www.buckhornsprings.org for more information.

The goal behind changing locations from Camp Latgawa is the hope that more people can attend and those who don't wish to stay overnight will have a shorter distance to drive (12 miles vs. 45 miles each way).

The event will start at 8 AM on Saturday March 12 and conclude with a group lunch at noon on Sunday March 13.

We are still working out the details of the agenda, however, there should be plenty of excellent training coupled with great food and useful field work.



For those who wish to stay overnight, the rooms are nicely decorated with period furnishings, claw foot tubs, and more. Saturday evening will be dedicated to relaxing in the lodge with CERT friends.

The meeting space for indoor training is a nicely finished natural wood dodecagon with a patio overlooking the creek below. There is an unlimited amount of area for field training and the grounds are beautiful.

There are a maximum of 30 slots available for this training and there is no charge unless attendees have special requests. Advanced training is for Ashland CERT members who have completed basic training, are active members, and wish to participate on the management or leadership teams.

You must register for this class no later than February 18 to reserve your slot. Priority will be given to those members who are active members of the leadership team and will then be based upon the date of registration.

To register, please contact Terri Eubanks at eubankst@ashland.or.us or 541-552-2242. For questions about the training and agenda, please contact Richard Randleman at randler@ashland.or.us or 541-552-2226.

City Council votes to put Fire Station on May ballot

On May 17 voters will decide whether to replace Ashland Fire Station No. 2 on Ashland Street or keep the existing structure.

The City Council voted to include on the ballot plans for a 10,000-square-foot replacement fire station that does not encroach on Sherwood Park.

At the January leadership meeting, Clark Custodio, Ashland CERT member and a member of the Ashland Public Safety Bond Committee, presented the findings of the committee in a question and answer session.

According to Clark's presentation, replacing the station would cost a property owner \$0.124 per \$1,000 in assessed value per year for 20 years. A homeowner with an average house in Ashland assessed at \$228,710, would pay approximately \$28 in additional property taxes each year.

Following Clark's presentation, CERT members asked the following questions to which Fire Chief John Karns replied.



Q: When would the remodeling of Fire Station 2 be completed?

A: Station 1 took almost 18 months but is much larger and they ran into soil contamination from a previous occupancy. My best guess, July or August of 2012.

Q: Will the remodeled Fire Station 2 be Green with photovoltaic solar panels, etc.?

A: The building is a LEED "Gold" level. There is a platinum level but we won't meet that. The photovoltaic issue is interesting. Currently some of the trees at the park preclude an ideal installation. This is the same situation in many of the structures in town. There is a possibility of looking at "off-site" investments for the panels but at this point, that program is still in concept.

To watch a video report of the fire station 2 replacement measure go to
<http://kdrv.com/news/local/203694>

Don't Miss The Refresher Training February 26!

As many of you are aware, Ashland CERT will conduct its first refresher training course on February 26, 2011 at the Grove in Ashland from 9 AM to 2 PM.

NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

The refresher course will provide previous CERT basic training graduates an opportunity to review the

hands-on skills they learned during the basic course.

Students will review fire safety and suppression, triage, search & rescue, phone tree activations and CERT mission plans.

Limited classroom curriculum will be offered as the class is primarily focused on refreshing CERT member's practical skills.

All students attending CERT refresher training must

have previously completed a CERT basic course.

The course will be conducted in The Grove gym so inclement weather will not interfere with the training. Refreshments will be provided.

To register, contact Terri Eubanks by calling her at 541-552-2242 or email her at eubankst@ashland.or.us

High School Student CERT Challenge

Do you know a high school student? Tell them about this interesting opportunity; Ashland CERT is having a contest to engage youth in our community.

What's the challenge?

Students will write a script for a 30 second public service announcement (PSA) that appeals to their peers in regard to disaster preparedness. The script will be recorded by a professional broadcast announcer and will be broadcast on the 1700 AM information radio station and streamed on Ashland Fire & Rescue's website indefinitely.

Winners

The contest winner will receive a wav file version of their PSA to share with their friends, a framed award, an article in the CERT newsletter commemorating their success, and CERT branded gifts from Ashland CERT.

Deadline

The deadline to turn in your submissions is **April 15, 2011** in recognition of *Global Youth Service Day*. Submissions must be turned in no later than 5:00 pm at the Ashland Fire & Rescue Station #1 located at 455 Siskiyou Blvd.

SOU Basic Training Course Largest Since CERT Began

Ashland CERT is conducting its second basic training course in partnership with Southern Oregon University every Tuesday and Thursday in February.

The current class has 28 participants which represents the largest basic training class in Ashland CERT's almost twelve year history.

What is extremely exciting about the SOU relationship is that approximately half the participants in this class are college students who are in a demographic that is typically difficult for volunteer programs such a CERT to attract. Appealing to a greater segment of our community achieves our visioning goal of advancing the organization.

Heather Freiheit, the disaster preparedness grant manager at SOU has helped establish CERT Basic Training as a self-funded elective course which will bolster the number of participants and consequently CERT members who are available to respond during disasters.

To date 481 people have graduated Ashland CERT basic training and the program is on target to meet its goal of graduating 50 students in fiscal year 2010-2011.

Ashland CERT To Reach Milestone — 500 Trainee Graduates

Ashland CERT has an impressive record when it comes to training residents to be better prepared during disasters. To date Ashland CERT has trained 481 people making it one of the more successful programs in the nation, particularly considering Ashland's population.

Assuming 19 students graduate from the basic training currently underway at SOU, Ashland CERT will train over 500 people through its Basic Training Course.

500 graduates is an impressive number even when compared to much larger communities with more resources than Ashland. That level of participation represents the value our community puts on volunteer service and illustrates a commitment through action.

Ashland CERT is expanding its training offerings further by establishing an annual Refresher Training Course and a Family and Friends Disaster Preparedness Course to be held through SOU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) beginning this April.

CERT 2011 Calendar of Events

February 2011	March 2011	April 2011
SOU Basic Training Tue-Thu, Feb 1–24 General Meeting February 9 <i>(guest speaker)</i> CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Test Leadership Meeting February 23 Refresher Training Course Feb 26	General Meeting March 9 <i>(Shelter Management Training-LIMIT 20)</i> Advanced / Leadership Training Mar 12-13 <i>(LIMIT 30 Participants)</i> Leadership Meeting March 23	National Volunteer Week April 10-16 General Meeting April 13 <i>(basic training final exercise prep)</i> CERT Spring Basic Training April 15-23 Awards and Graduation event April 27 <i>(basic graduation in lieu of leader meeting)</i>
May 2011	June 2011	July 2011
Base Bike Ride May 7 General Meeting May 11 <i>(Fire Fighter / Victim Rehab and Fire Evacuation Training)</i> Leadership Meeting May 25	General Meeting June 8 <i>(Post Disaster Recovery Training)</i> Leadership Meeting Jun 22	Support of 4th of July in the Park General Meeting July 13 <i>(guest speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting July 27
August 2011	September 2011	October 2011
General Meeting August 10 <i>(Search & Rescue Mission Training)</i> CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Test Leadership Meeting August 24	National Preparedness Month General Meeting September 14 <i>(Disaster Preparedness Training)</i> Leadership Meeting September 21 CERT Fall Basic Training 9/23 - 10/1	General Meeting October 12 <i>(guest speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting October 26
November 2011	December 2011	January 2012
General Meeting Nov 9 CERT Refresher Training Leadership Planning Meeting November 23	CERT Year in Review / Awards Event No General Meeting Holiday Season Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting	General Meeting January 11 <i>(phone tree training)</i> Leadership Meeting January 25 <i>(annual planning meeting)</i>

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