



Ready Neighbor News

March 2012
Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
March 14, Fire Station 1.
Meeting starts at 6:30 with doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:
March 28, Fire Station 1
Meeting starts at 6:30 with doors open at 6:00 PM.



Highlights from 2011

Ashland CERT offered three training opportunities in 2011. As a result of collaborative efforts with Southern Oregon University CERT was able to administer two basic trainings on campus open to students, faculty and staff, and members of the community and surrounding areas.

We had our largest graduating class ever which created a delightful trickle effect; in 2011 we trained a record breaking 62 volunteers resulting in the celebration of over 500 volunteers trained since our inception in 1997.

In addition, our cooperation with SOU led to the development and formation of a newly established team; the SOU team. The SOU team is the second largest CERT team despite being the newest and provides a critical need serving the largest employer and resident population density in Ashland.

CERT also conducted its first of two hybrid *Disaster Preparedness for Friends and Family* courses for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. OLLI offers intellectually stimulating classes and social functions for older adults. Hybrid courses allowed CERT to reach a vulnerable population in a setting that better fit their needs.

Ashland CERT shares the successes of 2011 with member volunteers. Volunteers contributed over 1600 hours of support from basic trainings to Map Your Neighborhood organizational meetings. Twelve neighborhoods completed the MYN processes making those residents able and ready to provide neighbor support in their neighborhood. Our leadership volunteers contributed over 80 hours each on average in support of CERT functions despite not being mobilized in 2011.

The CERT program acquired radios for all five of the Ashland bases. These radios will serve instrumental in the event of power outages and downed phone lines. CERT's newly acquired vehicle is also fashioned with radios and other communication devices. The CERT vehicle will serve as a mobile base hub during mobilization missions and training events.

In 2012, encourage a loved-one, friend, or colleague to become a CERT member and volunteer. We make a difference in our community.

Coming soon...

Base Bike Ride! Enjoy the scenic route to all of the bases, and participate in judging our base contest!



HeartSaver CPR Adult

When: Saturday, April 14th

Where: Ashland Fire Station 1

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35

HeartSaver CPR AED is a classroom, video based, instructor led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. This course teaches skills with AHA's research-proven Practice-While-Watching (PWW) technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback and guide the students' learning of skills.

This course is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in CPR and AED use to meet job, regulatory or other requirements.

The cost for this course is \$35, which includes a student study book and card*. The class takes approximately 3 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation.

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

Note: Classes are limited to eight participants. Registration is based on first-come, first-served depending upon when participants pay the class fee. Please register early to reserve your space.

For information or to register contact: Jessica Bowman,
Volunteer Coordinator
541-552-2242 | cert@ashland.or.us



American Red Cross Month



March is American Red Cross Month, a month long celebration of Red Cross accomplishments and look forward to future goals. The month-long commemoration was created in 1940's when Red Cross started a "Roll Call" drive to increase public support during wartime. After discussions with President Franklin Roosevelt, the honorary chairman of the Red

Cross, an official call for support was issued, and he declared the whole month of March Red Cross Month. Each President since has issued a proclamation for the month. For more information about the Red Cross, please visit Redcross.org.

This article was obtained from FEMA

Free ODOT Flagger Certification Classes

The City of Ashland has arranged with the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide the following classes:

ODOT Flagger Training

Thursday, April 5th 2012
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pioneer Hall at 73 Winburn Way in Ashland

Please register in advance by sending an email to maclenns@ashland.or.us by March 31st. The class is free.

ODOT Flagger Certification

Saturday, March 31st 2012
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Central Point

For location, additional information, or to

register, please email Officer Steve MacLennan at maclenns@ashland.or.us. Space is limited.



Larry V.

Terra Team Meets a 9.0 Earthquake

In October or 2011, Ashland CERT members presented a dramatization of how the Community Emergency Response Team will operate during a magnitude 9.0 earthquake. The play, entitled "Terra Meets a 9.0

Earthquake," was written by CERT member John Ames with the support of local playwrights and actors. The cast included CERT members and actors from the community. To get a sense of what organizational skills are

needed, communication techniques, and how to work as a team during a disaster, please visit:

<http://vimeo.com/30520976>



FREE

Spring Intensive Course

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Emergency Preparedness

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

Ashland CERT is offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Upon completion of this 24 hour course, you will be able to perform basic disaster responses such as small fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. When disasters occur, you will know how to respond by being prepared to give critical support to your family, friends, neighborhood, and professional responders.

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Friday April 27th, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday April 28th, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday May 4th, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday May 5th, 8:00am - 5:00pm

To register contact Jessica Bowman at 541-552-2242 or

Jessica.bowman @ ashland.or.us

For more information about Basic Training go to:
www.ashlandcert.org

BASIC CURRICULUM

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations #1
- Disaster Medical Operations#2
- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Course Review & Disaster Simulation

CERT 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

January 2012	February 2012	March 2012
General Meeting January 11 <i>(Phone Tree Training)</i> Leadership Meeting January 25 <i>(Phone Tree 9-1-1 System Management)</i>	SOU Basic Training Tue-Thu, Feb 1– 24 Canceled General Meeting February 8 CERT Annual Phone Tree Test Leadership Meeting February 22	General Meeting March 14 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting March 28 <i>(Planning for Basic Training)</i>
April 2012	May 2012	June 2012
General Meeting April 11 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting April 25 <i>(Final Prep for Basic Training)</i> CERT Spring Basic Training April 27-May 5	Basic Graduation - General Meeting May 9 Leadership Meeting May 23 (Basic Training AAR)	General Meeting June 13 <i>(CERT Evacuation Training)</i> Leadership Meeting June 27 <i>(Advanced Training Lesson)</i> & Final Planning for 4th of July)
July 2012	August 2012	September 2012
General Meeting July 11 <i>(CERT Fire Mission Training)</i> Leadership Meeting July 25 <i>(4th of July AAR – Fire Mission Planning)</i>	General Meeting August 8 <i>(Guest Speaker)</i> Leadership Meeting August 22 <i>(Fire Department Communications)</i>	General Meeting September 12 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting September 26 <i>(Advanced Training Lesson)</i>
October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
SOU Basic Training Tuesday and Thursday October 1-25 General Meeting October 10 <i>(CERT ICS Demonstration)</i> Leadership Meeting October 24	General Meeting November 14 <i>(CERT Skills Training)</i> Leadership Meeting November 28	CERT Year in Review /Awards December 12, 6:30 to 8:00 PM No Meetings Holiday Season Training Stand Down

Note: General meetings are open to the public. Doors open at 6pm. Meetings are from 6:30pm-8pm at Fire Station1.

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