



June 2010

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Ready Neighbor News

CERT Member Connie Saldana Wins Award

Long-time Ashland CERT member Connie Saldana is the newest recipient of the Jean Looney Community Service Award which recognizes significant contributions made by individuals that benefit the community.

In the video from KTVL News 10, Connie remarks that the key to making a difference is cooperation and the belief that...

“when you win, I win, and the community wins.”

What a great phrase that embodies the values and mindset of so many great volunteers in and around our community. In addition to being a member of Ashland CERT, Connie is a planner at Rogue Valley Council of Governments (www.rvgoc.org) To see the video story about Connie’s award go to www.ashlandcert.org and click on the link entitled “Connie Saldana wins.” The link will forward you to KTVL’s website where you can watch the news segment online.

Congratulations Connie, for the recognition of your tireless contributions to the community!



A Tireless Volunteer & CERT Member

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

July 14, Fire Station 1, 7:00 PM Start, doors open at 6:30 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

June 23 and July 28
Fire Station 1, 6:00 PM Start, doors open at 5:30 pm.

National Preparedness Month



is fast approaching!

Volunteers needed for 4th of July event

Many of you participated in the 4th of July event at Lithia Park in the past and report it is a lot of fun and provides useful training and experience. This year CERT has been asked by parade organizers to fill a gap left by the exit of Ashland Community Hospital as a provider of the first aid / assistance station.

CERT will augment an onsite-standby ambulance crew with requests for assistance. In addition, CERT will transport people with mobility challenges to the top of Nutley Street using Cushman Carts, distribute supplies such as water and band-aids, and provide information about disaster

preparedness and the CERT program. Several of our members will also provide radio communications and incident reporting services, however, CERT will not render first aid unless mobilized to do so.

I know it is a holiday, however, CERT desperately needs volunteers to make this event a success. Help is needed to set up at 7:00 AM, work the station and provide communications between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and help break down the station between 5:00-6:00 PM.

Several of us will be there from 7 AM to 7 PM, however, times throughout the day are available, so if you can help please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks! *Richard*

CERT Calendar of Events

July 2010	August 2010	September 2010
General Meeting July 14 4 th July Assistance Station @ Park 5 th July Volunteer Clean Up WUI Walk—Fire Evacuation—Late July tbd Leadership Meeting July 28	General Meeting August 11 CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise - tbd CERT Base Bike Ride & BBQ - tbd Leadership Meeting August 25	General Meeting September 8 National Preparedness Month Event: CERT Reunion & Volunteer Celebration—tbd Leadership Meeting September 22
October 2010	November 2010	December 2010
General Meeting October 13 SOU—CERT Basic Course (elective) tbd Leadership Meeting October 27	General Meeting November 3 CERT Fall Basic Training Nov 5-13 Awards and Graduation event Nov 17 (no leadership meeting)	No General Meeting Holiday Season Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting
January 2011	February 2011	March 2011
General Meeting January 12 CERT Annual Tabletop Exercise and Planning Meeting Leadership Meeting January 26	General Meeting February 9 CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise Leadership Meeting February 23	General Meeting March 9 CERT Advanced / Leadership Training—tbd Leadership Meeting March 23
April 2011	May 2011	June 2011
General Meeting April 13 CERT Spring Basic Training April 15-23 Awards and Graduation event April 27 (no leadership meeting)	General Meeting May 11 CERT Refresher / Leadership Training Leadership Meeting May 25	General Meeting June 8 WUI Walk – Fire Evacuation Training Leadership Meeting Jun 22

This is a planning calendar, please notify Richard if there are missing events or if you would like to add an event idea.

Partner Liaisons

As indicated in the last issue, Ashland CERT is developing Liaisons Officers with our partner organizations around the valley.

The purpose of liaisons are to keep Ashland CERT informed of what our partners are doing and to identify opportunities for us to work together in events, training or disasters.

So far we have the following Liaisons for CERT:

Vulnerable Populations Committee: Connie Saldana

Jackson County Search & Rescue: Dan Ragen

Ashland Rotary: Bill Donlon

Amateur Radio Emergency Services: John Griffin

Bear Creek CERT: Kathy Lehman

Disaster Preparedness Committee: Richard Randleman

Open Liaison Officer positions are available for the following identified partners:

Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster (RVCOAD), Medical Reserve Corps, Jacksonville and Josephine County CERTs, Ashland Police Volunteers (VIPS), and Ashland Food Project.

If you are a member of a disaster response, volunteer, or civic organization, or have interest in such an organization and would like to represent Ashland CERT at their meetings or events, please contact your base leadership or Richard and let us know the organization with which you would like to create a relationship.