



October 2010

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Ready Neighbor News

CERT Members Assist in Search for Second Missing Man

Ashland CERT mobilized at 6:15 AM on Saturday September 18, 2010 to assist Jackson County Search and Rescue in its search for an 82-year-old man from British Columbia named John Montgomery, who reportedly suffers from dementia, and failed to return to a rental cottage in Ashland after a Friday night play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Mr. Montgomery's wife reported him missing at about 11 p.m. Friday, and Ashland police searched the city, but were unable to find the man.

At about 1:30 AM, Jackson County Search and Rescue (JCSAR) was called to assist and Richard Randleman, Ashland CERT Coordinator was notified by Jackson County dispatch about 2:30 AM that CERT was requested by JCSAR to assist in the search.

JCSAR continued its "hasty searches" a technique in which vehicles, dogs and other methods are utilized in an attempt to locate subjects quickly, until CERT arrived at approximately 7:30 AM to begin a more comprehensive search.

Fortunately Mr. Montgomery was found around 8:30 AM, tired and bruised but safe and relatively uninjured.

Ashland CERT once again established its capabilities as an disaster response organization and executed superbly.



CERT Assists JCSAR during an August Search

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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:

October 13, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

Leadership Meeting:

October 27, Fire Station 1, 6:30 PM Start, doors open at 6:00 PM.

First Refresher Training November 13th!

Based upon CERT member feedback, the leadership team determined that a refresher training course is vital for maintaining prepared CERT members. Therefore, Ashland CERT will conduct its first refresher training course on November 13, 2010 at the Grove in Ashland.

The refresher course will provide previous CERT basic training graduates an opportunity to review the hands-on skills 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.



Annual CERT Review and Awards Event Planned December 2

The details are still being worked out, however, it looks as though Ashland Fire & Rescue will be hosting a CERT Year in Review and Awards Ceremony for Ashland CERT members on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Pioneer Hall in Ashland.

The event will give Ashland Fire & Rescue and others the opportunity to express their gratitude for all the hard work Ashland CERT members have done, reflect on what Ashland CERT accomplished in 2010, and forecast what Ashland CERT intends to do in 2011.

The event is scheduled from 6 PM to 9 PM and should include food, conversation among

friends, and an interesting review of the Ashland CERT program to include a program



budget forecast.

The event will conclude with an awards presentation for Ashland CERT members so everyone should come to congratulate those who have

contributed so much toward the success of the Ashland CERT program.

The event will be open to anyone who completed Ashland CERT basic training and their guests and Ashland Fire & Rescue staff and their guests and attendees must RSVP no later than November 12th to attend.

In addition to attending, there are also opportunities for CERT members to participate in the planning of the event. Volunteers to complete tasks ranging from menu selection to decorating are needed and will not affect your time or ability to participate in the event.

First Ever, SOU CERT Basic Training Course Scheduled

Ashland CERT is undertaking another first by offering CERT Basic Training through Southern Oregon University October 18 through 29.

Offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, the course follows the traditional CERT basic training curriculum, however, all instruction will be in the classroom except for the final exercise. The final exercise will be held at The Grove October 29 and is comprised of indoor and outdoor activities.

The course will be held Monday,

Wednesday and Friday for two weeks from 1 to 5 PM in classroom MA 101 at SOU in Ashland and is free to those who are not current SOU students and who register in advance through Ashland CERT.

The new class accomplishes one of CERT's long-term visioning goals of appealing to a younger audience.

Although the first course will likely be comprised of mostly SOU faculty and staff accompanied by traditional basic course attendees, the course has the potential to become an

on-going three-credit-hour elective offered to SOU students and a free no-credit course to the community..

Heather Freiheit, the instructor of record, indicated that SOU would offer the course every quarter if there were enough students to sustain it.

An ongoing CERT basic course coupled with several traditional weekend courses each year has the potential to significantly increase the number of CERT trained residents in Southern Oregon.



Ashland CERT and SOU Working Together
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CERT BASIC TRAINING
October 18—29 1 PM to 5 PM M W F



CERT Calendar of Events

October 2010	November 2010	December 2010
General Meeting October 13 Phone Tree Test October 14 SOU—CERT Basic Course Oct 18-29 Leadership Meeting October 27	First Aid / CPR/ AED Class November 6 General Meeting CERT Graduation Nov 10 CERT Refresher Training November 13 Leadership Planning Meeting November 17	CERT Review & Awards Dinner 2 DEC CERT Hosted ICS 300-400 Classes 6-9 DEC No General Meeting Holiday Season Training Stand Down No Leadership Meeting
January 2011	February 2011	March 2011
General Meeting January 12 Annual Planning Meeting January 22 Leadership Meeting January 26	General Meeting February 9 Leadership Meeting February 23 CERT Annual Tabletop Exercise 2/26	General Meeting March 9 CERT Advanced / Leadership Training 3/19 Leadership Meeting March 23 Semi-Annual Phone Tree Test 3/24
April 2011	May 2011	June 2011
National Volunteer Week April 10-16 General Meeting April 13 CERT Spring Basic Training April 15-23 Awards and Graduation event April 27 (no leadership meeting)	General Meeting May 11 Fire Fighter & Victim Rehab and Fire Evacuation Training- May 21 Leadership Meeting May 25	General Meeting June 8 Post Disaster Recovery Training Leadership Meeting June 22
July 2011	August 2011	September 2010
Support of 4th of July in the Park General Meeting July 13 Search & Rescue Mission Training Leadership Meeting July 27	General Meeting August 10 CERT Semi-Annual Phone Tree Exercise Leadership Meeting August 24	National Preparedness Month General Meeting September 14 Base Bike Ride September 17 Leadership Meeting September 21 CERT Fall Basic Training 9/23 - 10/2

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

First Aid - CPR Class Open to CERT Members November 6

Statistics indicate less than one-third of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.

To increase survival rates among cardiac arrest victims, Ashland Fire & Rescue will be conducting an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid with CPR & AED course November 6th from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Community Center in Ashland that is open to CERT members at a significantly discounted rate.

The course fee is typically \$55, however, for CERT members the fee is \$15 and will include a Course Completion Card valid for two years.

CERT members must register by sending an email to Richard no later than 5 PM October 15, 2010. The course is available on a first come first serve basis.

The intended audience for this course are designated first responders, individuals needing credentialed training for job or regulatory requirements and select departments or an entire workplace.



For more information about Ashland Fire & Rescue's CPR courses go to www.ashland.or.us/cpr

FEMA Says Start Preparing for Winter

NOAA released its 2010 U.S. Winter Outlook predicting extreme weather patterns for different regions of the country this winter. FEMA is reminding individuals to get ready for winter storms and extreme cold. Americans can find helpful tips and recommendations to help them get prepared at

www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html

Among other things, NOAA's outlook forecast that the Pacific Northwest could have a colder and wetter than average winter, while the South may be warmer and drier than usual. While the threats vary across dif-

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ferent parts of the country, almost everyone, regardless of where they live, is likely to experience some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives.

"With winter right around the corner, it's never too early to start preparing for snowstorms, icy roads, and other types of severe weather," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "Besides severe winter weather, disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, which is why it's important to be prepared wher-

ever you live," Fugate continued. "I urge everyone to visit www.Ready.gov for more helpful tips."

Severe winter weather can include snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and ice or heavy rain storms. An emergency supply kit both at home and in the car will help prepare people for winter power outages and icy or impassable roads.

An emergency supply kit should include a three-day supply of food and water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and extra flashlights and batteries.

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