

Ready Neighbor News



June 2018

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

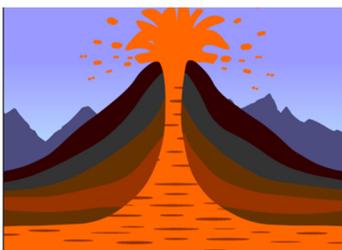
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Next Meeting Dates:

General Meeting:
 June 13, Fire Station 1.
 Topic: Evacuations - Be Ready, Be Set, Go!
 Meeting starts at 6:00 with doors open at 5:30 PM.

Leadership Meeting:
 June 27, Fire Station 1.
 Topic: Parade planning & CampOut AAR.
 Meeting starts at 6:00 with doors open at 5:30 PM.



Nixel ~ the future of notifications

Public safety messaging continues to serve as an essential component in delivering public safety messages to community members quickly and efficiently. Ideally residents would have pre-subscribed to a local notification system allowing them to gain the firsthand information from their local source. Critical events can include severe weather-related events to actual earth-producing mass-scale damage to include earthquakes. A wide range of functionalities can be utilized to interface with the public including local radio emergency alerting, website information, smartphone apps, and registration platforms able to deliver information across numerous contact paths including voice and text.

Jackson and Josephine Counties have been encouraging residents to “Opt-in” to Citizen Alert. This delivery system is administered by Everbridge, a global leader for integrated critical event management solutions. The Everbridge platform allows account holders to sign up and receive alerts depending on their preferred methodology. This tool enables emergency response agencies to provide essential messaging immediately; thus with certainty residents are receiving the same messaging.

Internally, Everbridge has dynamic features allowing for two-way messaging to first responders, such as CERT, to utilize during disaster response and other events. Both internal and external applications provide the capability of sending hundreds of messages at once for the fastest information delivery.



The City of Ashland (COA) will soon change its internal platform to the Everbridge-owned Nixel platform. The Everbridge Nixel platform is similar with the exception of the ability to provide two-way messaging at first glance; however, the true benefits will not be known until the COA signs a contract and we begin training sessions on its use. CERT IMT folks responsible for Phone Trees can anticipate Nixel training.

Community members will continue to receive alerts through the Citizen Alert system; that will not change. Everyone should commit to a trusted method of receiving emergency updates. Whether you prefer local or national news the bottom line is to be informed through your preferred method. Be prepared when disaster strikes.

The Community Emergency Response Team Program

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

At the same time, the CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits their communities. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide, with more than 600,000 individuals trained since CERT became a national program.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs. Since 1993 when this training was made available nationally by FEMA, communities in 28 states and Puerto Rico have conducted CERT training. FEMA supports CERT by conducting or sponsoring Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager courses for members of the fire, medical and emergency management community.

American Heart Association BLS Certification 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 \$55, 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 BLS Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

When: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Where: Ashland Fire Station 2

Time: 9am-2pm

Cost: \$55

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
541-552-2226 | [cpr @ ashland.or.us](mailto: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.

Ashland CERT presents the 2018 CERT CampOut

Last year we brought you the CERT Field Experience, and this year we bring you the CERT CampOut. The CERT CampOut is intended to be a mini version of the retreat last April focusing on CERT Missions and Skill-Sets including Team Building. The CampOut is free of charge (with the exception of JC Parks parking fee - \$4. per vehicle).

What you need to know:

- 10am – 11am Check-in and Parking
- 11am – *potluck lunch*
- 12pm – Activities begin
- Saturday dinner – on CERT – Hot Dogs and Veggie Burgers
- 6pm - More activities
- 8pm – bonfire and free time
- 8am – Breakfast is on your own
- 9am Sunday – Activities begin
- NOON Sunday – Event completion

When:

Saturday & Sunday
June 2nd thru 3rd

Time:

10:00 am Saturday
thru 12 pm Sunday

Where:

Emigrant Lake Ashland
Group Camp Site

Cost: FREE

For more information
contact:
Ashland CERT
541-552-2226 |
cert@ashland.or.us

Activities include:

- Field Simulations
- Search & Rescue
- CERT Organization
- Team-Building
- Triage & Transport
- Backpack Supplies

Open to all area CERT
volunteers

RSVP Required



CERT 2018 Calendar of Events

January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
General Meeting - January 10 <i>(Bleeding Control)</i> Personal Protection Training- January 13 Leadership Meeting - January 24	General Meeting - February 14 <i>(CERT Go-Bags / Backpacks)</i> Leadership Meeting - February 28 <i>(CERT Member Handbook)</i>	General Meeting - March 14 <i>(Radio Comms)</i> Alternative Routes & Access - March 17 CPR Night - March 27 (6pm) Station 2 Leadership Meeting (Basic Plan) - March 28 Volunteer Day - March 31
April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
Basic Training - April 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21 General Meeting - April 11 <i>(CERT Skills)</i> Leadership Meeting - April 25 <i>(Basic AAR)</i>	General Meeting - May 9 - <i>(Basic Graduation)</i> Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast - May 12 Leadership Meeting - May 23 <i>(CampOut Planning)</i>	Emigrant Lake Campout - June 2-3 General Meeting June 13 <i>(Evacuation Training)</i> Leadership Meeting - June 27 <i>(Planning for 4th of July & Campout AAR)</i>
July 2018	August 2018	September 2018
APD presents ALICE - July 1 Parade Support - July 4 General Meeting - July 11 <i>(Ropes & Knots)</i> Basic Refresher - July 21 Leadership Meeting - July 25 <i>(4th of July AAR)</i>	General Meeting - August 8 <i>(ICS)</i> Opening Bases - August 18 CPR Night - August 15 (6pm) Station 2 Leadership Meeting - August 22 <i>(Basic Planning)</i>	General Meeting - September 12 <i>(Cribbing Techniques)</i> Family & Friends CPR - September 15 Leadership Meeting - September 26 <i>(Basic Planning)</i>
October 2018	November 2018	December 2018
Basic Training - Oct. 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20 JCFD5 Open House - October 10 - (5pm-7pm) Leadership Meeting October 24 <i>(Basic AAR)</i>	Wide Area Search - November 2-4 General Meeting - November 14 <i>(Basic Graduation)</i> Leadership Meeting - November 28 <i>(Annual Training Planning Session)</i>	CERT Year in Review December 12 - 6:00 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 Station 1.

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 Ashland, OR 97520

TO: