



WHATCOM COUNTY CERT NEWS

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Our monthly lesson for a refresher!

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

BOB IS VACATIONING

I will be gone for the month of October. Call Chalice at DEM (676-6681) or Geri Chumley (647-2673) if you have any CERT questions or concerns.

"AirEx11".

A BIG THANKYOU to all 102 volunteers who took part as victims and Family/Friendlies at the Bellingham International Airport exercise last Saturday. This is a great way for CERT members to refresh their skills and to help the community. We donated 572 hours. If you put that in terms of work days, that is the equivalent of over 70 people working a full 8 hour day. And, this does not include the many **American Red Cross (ARC)** people who put in time and effort. "**Joan Ooms Emoting Awards**" go to **Glenda Jacobson** and to **Melanie Fallis** for their acting.

As in any good exercise, there were several lessons learned. We provided feedback to the EMT class to help them improve their capabilities and to the Airport staff, ARC staff, and to the St. Joseph Hospital staff to help them improve their response. We also provided input to the exercise creators to help improve future events.

Again to all – THANKS.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Train the Trainer

We have rescheduled the Train the Trainer program. It WILL be held on November 4 and 5th.

This is a training class for new instructors. We will have a refresher for previous instructors later this fall.

So, if you have the skill to teach others and the desire to improve our community, please consider applying. The application is attached. Send it to **Geri Chumley** before October 14. I am especially appealing to those of you associated with Western Washington University (WWU), Whatcom Community College (WCC), and Bellingham Tech (BTC). We need you folks so that you can teach your associates in those institutions.

1 - UNIVERSITY

CERT member **Jonah Stinson** is working with the staff and administrators at

WWU, WCC, and BTC regarding setting up CERT classes for the respective staff members.

2 - LUMMI ISLAND

Amy Woodfin tells me that the Lummi Island CERT class will be held on two weekends - October 28th and 29th, and November 14th and 15th.

3 – PT ROBERTS

Andrew Breiteneder and **Virginia Lester** are doing a CERT refresher training in October and a new CERT class in February. For those of you in Pt. Roberts, BC Canada, or in northwest Whatcom County, contact Andrew or Virginia (andbreit@pointroberts.net) (Virginia_Lester@interfaithchc.org) to find out the particulars.

4 – CERT 52

Two weeks ago, I was asked to do a CERT class for several people from The Prayer Center. Unfortunately, few people actually came. In fact, we did not have enough to do a final exercise. So, **Monique Newman**, **Laura Carney**, and **Nikki Anderson** will finish CERT with the next class.

5 - BTC

I am disheartened to say that the fall BTC CERT class had to be cancelled. We only had 7 people sign up. I encourage all you CERT people to urge your friends and neighbors to consider taking CERT.

6 – SKAGIT CERT

I am informed that there are 2 CERT classes planned for Skagit County this fall. I do not know the particulars or if space is available. You should contact **Kevin Noyes** (Skagit County CERT Coordinator) for information on these. kevinn@co.skagit.wa.us



PREPAREDNESS

During the month of September, FEMA sponsored a whole series of webinars. These are seminars given over the internet on a specific preparedness subject. I have listened in on a couple of these and they are very good. Among other topics, webinars this month were given on preparedness for schools, for the aged and dealing with pets. You can review these by accessing the Citizen Corps website (www.citizencorps.gov) and looking at the Community Preparedness Webinar Series link on the right side of the page.

FOR THE LUMMIS and THE NOOKSACKS

FEMA announced the launch of the "Ready Indian Country" campaign as a part of its ongoing National Preparedness Month outreach. The new campaign will provide disaster preparedness information resources for the 565 federally-recognized tribal

nations and communities across the country.

The goal of "Ready Indian Country" is to partner with tribal leaders in asking individuals and families in Indian Country to take basic steps to prepare themselves for emergencies.

"Ready Indian Country" resources can be found at www.ready.gov/IndianCountry.



CITIZEN CORPS NEWS

October is Crime Prevention Month - a time to Celebrate Safe Communities (CSC).

CSC spotlights communities' crime prevention efforts, enhances public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages, and recruits year-round support for ongoing prevention activities that help people keep neighborhoods safe from crime and prepared for any emergency.

Kat Dearborn of the Bellingham Police Department and **Alan Cheesman** of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office are good contacts for information.

Don't forget the various **Citizen Corps** organizations in Whatcom County. If you are interested in getting involved, the following are contacts:

MRC – Marcus Deyerin, Whatcom County Public Health (676-6724)

Neighborhood Watch (County)
– Alan Cheesman (see below)

Fire Corps – Don Chumley
(647-2673)

VIPS – Alan Cheesman,
Whatcom County Sheriff's
Office (676-650)

Neighborhood Watch (City of
Bellingham) – Officer Katrin
Dearborn (778-8660)

JENNY QUESTIONS

- 1 – What is Wind chill?
- 2 – What is Frostbite?
- 3 – What is hypothermia?
- 4 – If you get stuck in your car
a winter storm, you should?

72 HOUR KITS WHAT'S IN YOURS?

From Joy Krumdiack

Is your 72-hour kit ready?
What is in yours? Is it well
stocked and ready for the next
emergency? Have you
checked the batteries in the
radio? Are the energy bars
stale?

If you were to conduct a
search on the Internet for 72-
hour kits, you would find a lot
of variety for these kits listed
for individuals, families and
others. You would also note
that there is not agreement on
what should be included in
these kits, so it is ultimately
your decision and one that
should be given some thought.

It is best to assume that you
might be in an emergency
situation for longer than 72
hours, and that important
telephone numbers/addresses,

maps and anything else that
would be considered important
will not be available outside
your kit. Assuming that a
computer will be available at
some time, it might be good to
copy all this to a DVD to save
space.

Adjust your list of kit items and
extra clothing to meet personal
needs, local circumstances
and weather conditions. For
example, include waterproof
boots or shoes if your local
area is vulnerable to flooding,
include refills of important
prescriptions if you need them,
and, if you have kids and if
space allows, add children's
games to keep them
entertained. Take along some
extra cash.

Decide what items will give
you the best service for basic
and emergency
communications, medical
needs, fire starter, water,
emergency rations, direction
finding, emergency blankets,
personal safety, etc. Consider
the weight, volume and
container for your 72- hour kit
as related to transport by
emergency means. Your kit
should be ready to go on a
moments' notice, and you
must decide what to do about
pets and the security of your
home/office. What you leave
behind may not be there when
you return. Therefore, you
should have copies of all your
vital documents, medical
records, favorite photos,

Don't forget about water
purification tablets, energy
bars and other items

JENNY ANSWERS

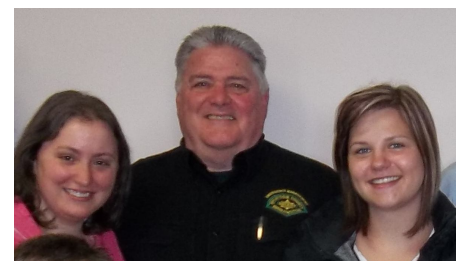
- 1 – How exposed skin feels
based on the actual
temperature and wind
- 2 – Damage to skin tissue
caused by extreme cold.
- 3 – When body temperature
drops below 95 degrees F
- 4 – Stay with the vehicle,
display a trouble sign, use
existing materials to add
insulation to your body,
OCCASIONALLY run the
engine (with exhaust pipe clear
of snow and a downwind
window ajar), avoid
overexertion, and keep
hydrated.

CONGRATULATIONS

CERT members **Kayla
Grayson** and **Anna Clancy**
(below with DEM member Ken
Richardson) were recently
presented **Whatcom County
Sheriff's Office – DEM
Volunteer of the Year
Awards for 2010.**
**CONGRATULATIONS Anna
and Kayla.**

REMINDER

Again, if you wish to take an
active role in post-disaster
CERT activities (Call Center,
EOC support, etc.) you need a
background check. Please
send me the attached form
(with signature)





THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Preparedness classes are available from the Mt. Baker chapter of the American Red Cross. Go to the ARC website for more information.

Contact the Mt. Baker Chapter for more Information – 733-3290



Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps is a group of medical professional and others trained and prepared to volunteer their skills during times of community crisis.
360.676.6724 x #50852
<mailto:info@WhatcomMRC.org>
<http://www.whatcommrc.org/>



See the website for our updated newsletters each month!
(www.whatcomcert.org)

Mark Challender, webmaster.

Greg Marshall, photographer.

Also, the newsletter can be found at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/dem/educate/cert/cert.isp>



WHATCOM VOLUNTEER CENTER

(360) 734-3055 or
1-800-Volunteer
725 North State Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
www.whatcomvolunteer.org/

Log in your hours to Whatcom Volunteer Center. Your volunteer hours count.

INFORMATION TALKS

If any of you are part of an organization (Civic Club, American Legion, VFW, etc.) interested in preparedness that would like to have a speaker on this subject, contact DEM at 676-6681.

FACEBOOK Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/Whatcom-County-CERT/131788356877378?v=info>
FACEBOOK Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Whatcom-County-CERT/131788356877378?v=info>

CONTINUING EDUCATION – See the latest *CERT News* for current details.
CHANGES ARE CONSTANT – CERT IS FLEXIBLE
Additional info: Bob Jacobson (phone 360-778-7163) or bjacobso@co.whatcom.wa.us.

TO VOLUNTEER for Booths and Special Events:
Contact Joy Krumdiack – Special Events Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 733-4555 (Work),
733-8259 (Home),
201-5899(Cell),
bryankr@msn.com

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

CERT Background Check Application

Last Name: _____ (Maiden Name) _____ First: _____ Full Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Aliases: _____

Drivers License #: _____ SSN: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Race: _____

Background Information:

Have you ever been investigated or arrested for a crime? _____

If Yes Please Explain: _____

(Answering yes will not be an automatic disqualifier. Factors will be considered due to the nature, seriousness of the act, and the age and maturity of the applicant at the time of the act)

Are you available to respond to CERT missions at odd hours? _____

If no, please explain: _____

Please understand, by signing this application you are acknowledging and approving the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office to make inquiries into your background, criminal history, and driving records.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Return this application to: Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, 311 Grand Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225)

If your application is denied you have 30 days to appeal in writing to DEM

For Official Use Only:

AS400/Longarm: _____

NCIC III/WASIC: _____

Drivers Check: _____

Abstract of Driving Record: _____

**WHATCOM COUNTY
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)
TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (TtT) APPLICATION FORM**

Application Deadline – Friday, October 14, 2011

Name:	Class Number or Date of CERT Class graduation:
Address:	Please list any teaching or training experience you have:
Phone and email:	
What specific group(s) of people in Whatcom County do you think you can approach to form a CERT class?	
Meals are provided during TtT. Please list any food allergies or dietary restrictions:	Instructor Shirts. <i>(polo-type, run large)</i> Please check your shirt size: XS S M L XL XXL Other:
<i>By signing this application you are agreeing to actively participate (One or more classes a year) in teaching and/or coordinating CERT courses once you have successfully completed all TtT course requirements.</i>	
Signature of participant:	Date:
Please return form to: Whatcom County Emergency Management 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225 Fax: (360) 738-2518	<u>Questions?</u> Contact: Bob Jacobson, CERT Coordinator Phone #: (360) 676-6681 Email: bjacobso@co.whatcom.wa.us

The CERT TtT course is offered to CERT graduates (prerequisite) interested in delivering the CERT program. The course is reserved for those who have never attended a CERT TtT course before. There will be a TtT Update Class, for those who have previously completed the CERT TtT course when the new CERT training manual is released.

The TtT course is the first step in becoming a certified instructor. Following completion of the TtT course, a candidate must be successfully evaluated in front of a skills class and an academic class by one of our training evaluators. Classroom evaluations will be scheduled before the end of the TtT course, or shortly thereafter.

You will be contacted by mail, email, or fax as to application acceptance and be provided with additional information on the TtT course.

Whatcom County CERT coordinators experienced in delivering the CERT program will be instructing the class. Certificates will be issued for those successfully completing the program. Meals are provided.

For office use only. Date Application Received _____ Date Response Sent _____

Prerequisite met _____ Accepted _____ Waiting List _____

Evaluations: Skills _____ Academic _____