



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.

GOODBYE TO DOUG

Doug Dahl is leaving DEM. Come visit our new office on the 4th floor of 322 N. Commercial and say good-bye to him. 2-5 PM on Friday, September 16.

"AirEx11".

The Bellingham International Airport exercise, AirEX11 is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday September 24. **Again, this exercise is extremely important in that it is one requirement the Federal Aviation Administration has for keeping the airport certified.**

So far, I have filled about 70 positions. The American Red Cross has agreed to fill 20 more positions. So, I still need about 20 people to take part. Most of these are for Family Friendlies. That is, those people who have "friends" or "relatives" on the airplane that has "crashed".

This is the schedule for those who will be taking part: Friday September 23 Walk in Family Friendlies registered and briefed. (I will contact you individually as to time.)

Saturday September 24.
630 AM – Bob gets to HEC
645 AM – Moulage victims arrive at HEC to register

7 AM – Moulagers set up at Fire station 33 – **Geri Leader.**
7:15 AM – Moulage victims bused to Fire station 33
730 AM – Moulage begins
745 AM – Moulaged victims briefed
745 AM – Tagged victims arrive at HEC for registration
8 AM – Tagged victims briefed
8 AM – Family Friendlies arrive at HEC for registration
815 AM – Family Friendlies briefed
830 AM – Tagged victims taken to airport – **Helen Leader**
845 AM – Family Friendlies taken to airport - **Kayla Leader**
845 AM – All victims placed on airfield
The exercise will begin about 930 AM.
Walk-in Family Friendlies will go directly to St Joseph Hospital between 10 AM and Noon.
About 1 PM – Exercise over
About 145 PM Debriefing

Please, please, please!!! If you can participate, contact me at bjacobso@co.whatcom.wa.us or at 360-778-7163.

UPCOMING CLASSES

TtT - Postponed

We have had to postpone the **Train the Trainer** class scheduled for September 9 and 10. We did not get enough participation from faculty and staff at Western Washington University (WWU), Whatcom Community College (WCC), and Bellingham Tech (BTC) to justify holding a class at this time. The WWU coordinator believes that there were not enough people on campus during the summer months to get a response. We will reschedule after September 20th when every one is back on campus.

1 - UNIVERSITY

CERT member **Jonah Stinson** is still working with the administrators at Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, and Bellingham Tech regarding setting up CERT classes for the respective staff members. I will send out notices when these classes will be held.

2 - LUMMI ISLAND

Amy Woodfin is working with the Lummi island folks on specific schedules.

3 – PT ROBERTS

Andrew Breiteneder and Virginia Lester are coordinating another class in Pt. Roberts. This is also scheduled for October.

4 - BTC

The Bellingham Technical College CERT class is scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening September 20.



COAD TALK – 9/19

I hope most of you have heard about **COAD** (Community Organizations Active in Disaster). This is essentially a data base of organizations that have special interests and skills that may be tapped following a disaster to help others.

There is an incredible opportunity for organizations to learn how, during and following a disaster, they can most effectively assist the community. This isn't your usual preparedness class nor is it an in-depth training session. It is a talk that will give the perspective organizations will need at some point in the future.

The keynote speaker will be **Ben Dew**. He is the FEMA Region 10 Manager of the Community Relations Program. He is also the dad of DEM's own **Chalice Dew-Johnson**. This program provides the vital information link between FEMA, the state, local communities and those affected by disasters.

It is free so come if you can.

**Monday, September 19,
2011**

**Presented Two Times
Choose the time that works best
for you**

**1:00-3:00 pm or 6:30-
8:30 pm**

**St. Luke's Health
Education Center
3333 Squalicum
Parkway**

**For more information,
call 676-6681**

PREPAREDNESS

When is the last time you checked your CERT Safety Kit and/or your "72 Hour" Kit? I would be willing to bet it has been a while. In the case of Helen and me, it has been far, far too long.

Last week we had two examples of "disasters". Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast. People had about a week to prepare. Coastal residents boarded up and/or evacuated. The death and damage could have been a lot worse.

Then, there was the 5.8 magnitude earthquake. They do not have earthquakes in the Mid-Atlantic States! And yet, it happened. Even though it was not exceptionally strong by Western standards, it knocked down a lot of bricks in Baltimore and caused major damage to the Washington Monument.

Disasters can and will occur. They will occur to us in Western Washington. However, we are not always here. We may be in the middle of a business trip. We may be on a family vacation. We may just be out for a Sunday drive. We may receive warning or we may not. CERT people have been given knowledge that should help them when the time comes.

Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors who have not taken a CERT class to consider doing so.

YELLOW CARDS

Those of you who sent in your background check authorizations following my first callout should have already received them. The second group is in processing.

I still have about 300 CERT 2s and about 100 CERT 3s who have not sent in their authorizations. I am going to start calling people to ask you if you wish to remain active. Please let me know if you are not going to authorize such a check. That will save me from having to call you.



CITIZEN CORPS NEWS

The **National Safety Council** (NSC) has partnered with **First Student**, the largest provider of student transportation services in North America, to share important back-to-school

safety information. Millions of students will head back to school over the next eight weeks, and tens of thousands of school buses will be on the roads. It's crucial that all motorists understand how to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Back-to-school safety encompasses a variety of topics in addition to roadway safety. NSC and First Student have noted these important safety topics:

- * Driving tips for all motorists
- * Teen driving safety
- * Bus safety
- * Pedestrian safety
- * Bicycling safety
- * Backpack safety
- * Playground safety
- * School bullying awareness and prevention

It might be a good time to remind yourself and your family members about these topics.

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. LIES means.
2. CBERN means.
3. ICS means.
4. START means.
5. PASS means.

National Preparedness Month 2011 From Joy Krumdiack

National Preparedness Month is September 2011. The theme for this year's National Preparedness Month is ***A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare.***

National Preparedness Month has grown every year, and with your help, this should be their most successful and coordinated effort to date! The many disasters happening across the United States, and throughout the world, have focused the public on emergency preparedness like never before. In hosting a preparedness event, you will allow your organization or business to provide your community the opportunity to take action and get Ready.

As you know, this year will also mark the ten year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Ready.gov wants to encourage citizens to prepare and focus on honoring the local first responders that keep us safe, promote volunteer programs that help us prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, and continue

promoting the message that preparedness is a shared responsibility with the whole team, including you.

Learn how you can do **YOUR** part to prepare America. **DON'T MISS** a great opportunity to:

- Get the new 2011 National Preparedness Month Toolkit and learn how you and YOUR community can GET INVOLVED in making our homes and neighborhoods a safer place to live.
- Find out how you can PLAN EVENTS in your community to raise awareness about emergency preparedness and protect your homes and families from all hazards.
- Learn what you can do to SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS in your communities.

See the information at <http://www.citizen corps.gov> and <http://www.ready.gov/>

FROM PATRICK HURLEY

Bob - Thought you might be interested in this:
<http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/New-and-Young-Lawyers/About-WYLD/Washington-Will-Clinic>

The Washington First Responder Will Clinic aims to provide basic estate-planning

documents — wills, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives — for Washington first responders and their spouses/state-registered domestic partners at no cost.

JENNY ANSWERS

1. LIMIT
2. ISOLATE
ELIMINATE
SEPARATE
3. CHEMICAL
BIOLOGICAL
EXPLOSIVE
RADIOLOGICAL
NUCLEAR
4. INCIDENT
COMMAND
SYSTEM
5. SIMPLE
TRIAGE and
RAPID
TREATMENT
6. PULL
AIM
SQUEEZE
SWEEP
- 7.



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.

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We're on the web!
www.whatcomcert.org

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

Greg Marshall, photographer.

Mark Challender, webmaster.

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

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.



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

FACEBOOK Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/91941921079>
FACEBOOK Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Whatcom-County-CERT/131788356877378?info>

CONTINUING EDUCATION – See the latest
CERT News for current details.
**CHANGES ARE CONSTANT – CERT IS
FLEXIBLE**
Additional info: Bob Jacobson (phone
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**TO VOLUNTEER for Booths and Special
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