

Autumn 2011 CERT Newsletter



CERT Calendar of Classes:

Due to the recent spring earthquakes in New Zealand & Japan (& the tsunami) we've been inundated with requests for more classes. Kudos out to the Training Committee for their great work!!!

New fall classes: {In English} FREE!!! Are you missing a class? Make it up; it's even easier now that you have such a terrific variety of class offerings! Not sure? Check with Roger Stevenson or Joette Toews.

August 31st-November 16th at Willamette University, 2-4 p.m.; please register with Roger Stevenson

September 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd & 24th (6-9:30 p.m.) This class is located in the Morningside Neighborhood at Leslie Middle School, Music Room # 137.

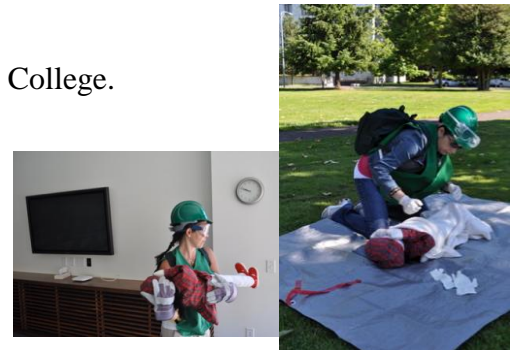
September 7th, 14th, 21st (6-9 p.m.) & September 10th, 17th & 24th (8:00 a.m.- 12 p.m.) at the Salem Alliance Church, in the Keizer Room in Broadway Commons (2nd floor). Register with Lola Hackett; you can contact her at: Lhackett@nwhumanservices.org.

October 6th, 13, 20th, 27th, November 3rd & 10th at the Salem Airport Training Center. Time scheduled is 6-9:30 p.m. Call Roger Stevenson.

November 11th & 18th (6-9:30) & 12th, & 19th (8:30-5:30 p.m.) at Chemeketa College. Please Register through Chemeketa.

December 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th (see hours immediately above) at CCC

2012: February 3rd, 4th & 10th & 11th (see above hours) at CCC



Spanish Language Class! Beginning in January 2012 Salem CERT will offer its first session of classes in Spanish!!! While FEMA has a word- for -word translation of the curriculum, materials are now being prepared in every day Spanish. Want to help (PLEASE!!!) in either/all translating/teaching? Call Roger Stevenson.

To sign up for the non -CCC classes offered above call or e-mail Roger Stevenson at (503) 763-3331, rstenenson@cityofsalem.net.

To sign up for the CCC classes go to the Chemeketa Community College web site:

<http://www.chemeketa.edu/classforfun>, or call (503) 365-4773. The November class registration # is CRN 42265.

Other Calendar Events:

Re-certification is extremely necessary! In order to keep up your CERT membership you need to get 8 (minimum) points per year. The following activities will get you a point per hour spent. If you take a Red Cross

class as well, you'll get re-cert points. Don't let your membership slip! You need to re-cert in order to get your CERT I.D. updated.

September 7th, at 7:00 p.m. The monthly meeting of the 45th Street Cache Team will be held at 826 45th N.E. The subject will be initial triage. Contact Steve Fenton for details (sfelton@comcast.net, (503) 581-9495). Re-cert points

September 9th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. CERT informational table for the Medical Society Dinner to be held at the Mission Mill. Want to volunteer to 'work' this event? Call or e-mail Jacqueline Schindele at (503) 585-0281, jamaschi2@yahoo.com. Please put 'CERT' in the subject line. Re-cert points

September 11th at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. The potluck picnic begins at 12:30 & will run till 4:00 p.m.: Faye Wright Cache Open House. This will be an opportunity to open the cache and explain its purpose. Re-cert points



September 14th, 5-7:30 p.m.: In lieu of having a General Meeting we urge you to attend the City of Salem's Volunteer Recognition Event. If you're not taking a class or teaching one, come to the Salem Civic Center Peace Plaza for an evening of entertainment, food & recognition for those volunteers who help make Salem the city it is.

Re-cert points

October 1st, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact Jacqueline Schindele at 503-585-0281 or jamaschi2@yahoo.com First annual Walk-About Workshop. Learn the ins & outs about having a neighborhood walk-about. This is open to CERTs & Neighborhood Association members throughout the city of Salem. We'll do an actual walk-about & if there is interest we'll have FRS radio practice as well. Full re-cert points.

October 11th, 6:00 p.m. : CERT Steering Committee Meeting. Any graduate of a CERT program is most welcome to attend. Come & learn what's happening & or sign up to help. Re-cert points

October 12th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Salem Fire Department Open House at the Airport Fire Training Center. We need CERT members to help staff the booth and pass out literature, hats and so forth, to the crowds that always appear. Contact Roger Stevenson by email to respond to this need; rstevenson@cityofsalem.net .

Don't forget that September is Disaster Preparedness Month across the U.S. During this month governmental agencies as well as private businesses & individuals are encouraged to review disaster preparedness issues for their agencies, businesses, offices, homes, churches, schools, and vehicles. Everyone should have enough basic emergency supplies to insure self-sufficiency for 72 hours minimum.

Cache Updates:

Cache/Neighborhood Information:

Temple Beth Shalom Cache: Painted green, this cache was the object of much heated discussion amongst residents of the area. There were too many complaints so the cache was moved to the First Slavic Baptist Church. It is situated on the Southwest corner of their property. Perhaps the Temple Beth Shalom site will accommodate a grey cache in lieu of the objectionable green one.

Capitol Baptist Church: Jeff Heyden (of the CERT Steering Committee, Member-at-Large) has spoken to the pastor & reports that the church would most likely accept an 8X8X20 cache. Check out the next newsletter for a

determination of this case. This just in! The cache that had been located at Temple Beth Shalom has been moved to Capitol Baptist Church & is in the process of being painted.

Willamette University is willing to talk about placing a community cache on its property; they plan on having their own University Cache for the use of their faculty & students.

Portable Cache: This is an item currently under discussion with the Steering Committee. We are in the process of acquiring a van which we can equip to act as a mobile classroom support unit.

Corporate Caches: Do you know of any business that would be willing to sponsor a corporate cache? If so, please contact Roger Stevenson.

A HUGE congratulations & shout out to Robert Conahey for successfully completing the “Train the Trainer” class (July 30-31st) under the supervision of Kimber Townsend & her trainers in Polk County. Fantastic!!!

A Recap of Recent Events (For those of you who couldn't come to these activities):

CCC Course: May 13, 14, 21 & 22. 39 people registered for the class & 32 actually finished it. The students were from Salem Portland, Molalla, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Independence and the National Guard! We employed ‘Team Moulage’ for a realistic final exam.

Willamette University: This (by all accounts) was a most successful class. The building that was used for exercises had been condemned & was in the process of being remodeled. This gave our newest CERTs the opportunity to drill in a 3 storey location. The University owns a few other buildings that may (in the future) be used for special training exercises. There was interest in a future class. (See August class calendar.



First Slavic Baptist Church: June 3, 4, 10 & 11th. Of the 28 registered, 15 actually finished the course. The Training Committee was very impressed with the students. “They were a group of hard working people, very capable physically & emotionally. They responded excellently to working in a ‘disaster’.”

Dr. Doom Presentation: We were most fortunate to be able to have James Roddey (Dr. Doom) from the Oregon Geological Society address the more than 210 people who crowded the Willamette College of Law lecture theatre. It was a case of standing room only! There were 40 CERT members in attendance. Needless to say it was a fantastic presentation & extremely timely as the lecturer had recently returned from a trip to Japan where he was able to make a first-hand assessment of the situation there & tie it in to what would happen here. Not only what would happen, but what is overdue! If you missed this event, don't fear! It is available on the net at the City of Salem website: www.cityofsalem.net - *National Preparedness Month – Earthquake video.*



45th Street Cache Team;

On the evening of the last Tuesday of July, the team held a full drill, very much like the full drill we all went through as part of our ‘Final Exam’. This was the first complete drill the group has held since it was formed. We sent a call out to volunteers & 32 children & adults responded. Will Thomas did classic moulage on the

children. The rescue crew consisted of 20 + CERT members. They had to respond to the emergency, organize themselves, assign groups to deploy into different areas to locate, triage & transport victims to the hospital area, which they had already set up. Of course, everything had to be documented.

The team discovered that there were areas in which the group needed retraining.

During the next few meetings different problems will be addressed so that next spring we can 'retest' ourselves to see if we've managed to improve our response.

Our group is assembling an emergency water supply. Each person was asked to bring a gallon of store-bought water to help build up a water supply. There was some discussion about having an emergency food supply on hand as well.

Have you got your family disaster plan completed? If so, fantastic!!! If not, why not? It's time to get busy!!!

Monthly Spotlight: - CERT around the World!!

Rather than focus on a disaster, this issue would like to highlight some interesting CERT/ related web sites. Warning: Due to the nature of the www some links sites may disappear rather suddenly. As of mid-August these sites were valid.

In the aftermath of the 'great March 11th Japanese quake' did you know that a CERT team in Oregon was activated? The group in Astoria was activated at 5:30 a.m. to stage a relocation center for anyone who responded to warnings from the Astoria Fire Department. Read all about it at <http://www.citizenscorps.gov/cert/certinaction/index.shtm>. Go to June 2011, Astoria, Oregon & click. Here are a few timely websites: www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM, & www.OregonGeology.org., www.OregonTsunami.org, www.earthquake.usgs.gov/learning/preparedness, & www.tsunami.noaa.gov/prepare.html, and, www.wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov. Also try www.earthquake.usgs.gov/research/hazmaps/.

Here are some tips for extreme heat, a problem much of the country enjoyed(?) this past summer: www.cdc.gov/nceh/extremeheat/materials.html.

Did you know that there are CERT teams on the ground in places as far away as Pakistan, the Philippines, Ghana & Haiti? There are. Check out these sites:

Since the major earthquake of 2005 in Pakistan, DPART (Disaster Preparedness and Response Team) SAR (Search & Rescue) North, Central & South have modeled themselves after CERT .: www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/Disaster_Preparedness_and_Response_Team .

Responding to catastrophic flooding, Ghana put together a CERT team too! They were able to team up with some medical groups in order to best serve their population. www.facebook.com/pages/Community-Emergency-Response-TeamGhana/144825355570120.

Try: www.citizenscorps.gov/cert.

Here is a website for people with disabilities: www.disability911.com.

Interested in an Internet radio show? Try ricktobin.com/roadtoready/index.htm/. This show covers hazards topics from pandemics to earthquake safety, etc

Or, check out this exhausting CERT training class schedule which consists of 3-4 consecutive months, one 3 day session each month for new CERTs 18-30 years of age in Haiti. It can be found at: www.Nhaha.org/pulse/data/img/uploads/Aldy_caster.

In Australia CERTs are paramedics & their website is [www.ambulancevic.gov.au/CommunityEmergency Response Ambulance](http://www.ambulancevic.gov.au/CommunityEmergencyResponseAmbulance).

But if you were to 'Google' "CERT-Australia" you'd get into the "Computer Emergency Response Teams"!

For an international disaster database try: www.em.be. It gives a list of current disasters, disaster profiles, trends with pre-made graphs, - square rooted as well, from 1900-2010!

Interested in viewing a resource list that can help children prepare for, respond to & recover from natural disasters? Go to www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/18_1/18_1_21_ResourceList.pdf. Or try, www.usfa.fema.gov/kids .,

Interested in a webinar? Check out www.facebook.com/note.php. Or try the good old standby: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert>. Try, www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM. Or their blog: www.oem-oregon.blogspot.com.

Actually, if you 'Google' CERT you'd most likely end up with the "Christian Emergency Response Teams!!! So, spell it out!!!! You can try 'Googling' "Community Emergency response Teams-international" for some interesting results!

Finally, from the interesting (above) to the ridiculous: Carol Mitchell sent me the following link: [www.http://98.139.212.7/us.f1618.mailyahoo.com](http://98.139.212.7/us.f1618.mailyahoo.com). This is a New York Times article "Zombies Upstage a Routine Public Health Bulletin" by Donald G McNeil Jr. & Gardiner Harris, published May 19, 2011, pg A 13, NY edition.

The original speech can be found on the Center for Disease Control website. The article was entitled 'Social Media: Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse'. The site's address is http://www.emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies_blog.asp. You've been warned!

Got some information for the next newsletter? Call or E-mail Jacqueline Schindele.

FREE!!! The Red Cross is offering a Preparedness class at the Red Cross every fourth Tuesday. It is necessary to take this course before taking other disaster related courses.

Want to learn essential hands only CPR & first aid skills? Don't you think it's time you updated your skill set in regards to CPR & first aid training? Get in the know with a 30 minutes Hands-Only Citizen CPR class.

Do you have a teenager who babysits or have the need for a babysitter? Check out the Red Cross Babysitting Course. It can & has saved lives!

Do you enjoy hiking & camping? The Red Cross is offering a wilderness first aid class, which consists of a 16 hour 'Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course' for those of you/us who wander away from city/county EMS services. Check with the American Red Cross Willamette Chapter, 675 Orchard Heights Road NW, Suite 200, Salem. Please call: (503) 585-5414. Check out their website as well: [http:// www.oregonredcross.org/general.asp](http://www.oregonredcross.org/general.asp). Type in 'Salem'.

City Information can now be accessed easily via e-mail. Go to <http://www.cityofsalem.net> & click on 'nixle' & complete the small form.

Want a past newsletter? Or, want to get E-Connected: Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically? E-mail Joette at natejol@comcast.net.

Needed: A few good men & women! We're looking for people to join the Steering Committee & for Spanish Language CERT Trainers & or Translators & for Team Moulage!!! Contact Roger Stevenson if you can contribute you time & energies.

The City of Salem CERT website can be found at:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/Fire/EmergencyManagement/Pages/>.

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Other CERT related;

Polk County CERT is at <http://www.independencpolice.org/CERT/HomePg-2010.htm>.

National CERT news can be found at: <http://www.citizenscorps.gov/cert/>. You can scroll down in this site & hit the subscribe tab to get the latest.

Salem CERT has its own yahoo group which is open to all Salem CERT members. Go to

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/CERT-Salem-OR/>. Then click on 'Join this group'.

You can also request a subscription by e-mailing a moderator at.CERT-Salem-OR-owner@yahogroups.com.

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