Oregon Citizen Corps - State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –April 10, 2013

Present:

Erik Anderson	Marion County
Rick Heuchert	Silverton CERT
Steve Bullock	Multnomah County
Stella Hickey	Oregon Fire Corps
Richard Newton	Medical Reserve Corps
Matt Marheine	Oregon Emergency Management
Fred Bretsch (Phone)	FEMA R-10

1. **Introduction and Opening:**
   Co-Chair Stella Hickey opened the meeting at 1:10.

2. **Previous Minutes:**
   Having a quorum, the minutes from February 13, 2013 were approved as written.

3. **Federal Update – Fred Bretsch**
   FY2013 looks to be very close to FY2012 grants. Currently there is not much information to provide. Region 10 community preparedness workshop is tentatively scheduled for November 2013. Fred will provide more data as it is available. Fred mentioned sending Matt an email with the updates and several questions. Matt said he would send to the SAC and coordinate a response. See attached email from Fred.

4. **State Update – Matt Marheine**
   Matt provided a brief update on the FY2013 grants. The State will no longer set aside an amount of money for CCP. CCP will be required to work with their community and submit projects through their coordinating jurisdictions. Matt described this and a challenge to prepare for to ensure projects are well developed to show a solid foundation and justification. Matt also described that the loss of CCP funding was also a positive as the restriction to stick to the five core missions was going to be less of a problem. More to come in the application package. Matt also described the importance of CCP representatives to participate in the grant workshops when they are scheduled.

   Matt and the group discussed the opened positions on the SAC. Stevie will communicate with the neighborhood watch programs in his jurisdictions to see if they would be willing to participate at the SAC level. Matt said he would work with Chuck Perino, Tribal POC at OEM to request a tribal member.

5. **Program Definition Discussion- All**
   The group was unable to focus on this task from the last meeting. Stella proposed that we define the deliverables for the next meeting.
   1. Matt will collect the federal definitions for each of the programs and CCP and bring them to the group.
   2. During next meeting the group will review and edit to make a draft that will be provided to the communities for review and comment

6. **Outreach Strategies - All**
   Matt discussed the challenges of information distribution. The need is to develop a way to get info to both the SAC and interested programs. Stevie suggested that Matt provide to the SAC all messages and the SAC members would work with their communities. The group agreed to work this process.

Matt will obtain POC info from the national CCP website and forward to the SAC for review and initial organization. Deliverable for next meeting is to identify the SAC rep for each program.

7. **Program Documentation - Stella**
   Stella discussed the need to educate the SAC members on all programs. The group discussed ways to accomplish this and decided to hold a portion of the agenda for the next few meetings for a program brief. Matt suggested a 30 minute timeframe for a presentation/training on each agenda until all programs have completed. The group agreed.

   Order of program sessions:
   1. Fire Corps - Stella
   2. VIPS - Stevie
   3. MRC – Richard
   4. CERT – Erik

8. **Program updates – All**
   Fire Corps: Stella provided a brief on the upcoming state fire corps conference June 21ts in Clackamas. She will provide a flier for distribution and forward to Matt to send to the SAC. Hermiston Fire is also holding a fire fighter combat challenge August 31 – September 1, 2013.

   MRC: Richard provided information of the Statewide MRC annual meeting on April 15th.

   CERT: Erik provided a brief update that Marion, Polk, Linn, and Yamhill county programs are working with MRC and Red Cross to discuss shelter coordination.

   VIPS: Stevie provided a brief update on the VIPS programs in his area. The program is continuing with its monthly newsletter and training schedule.

9. **Good of the order**
   Matt described receiving a message from a CERT support organization that they had over 100 green 22" CERT bags available. Matt is waiting for more info from the group and will provide to the SAC as soon as he gets it.

   Meeting adjourned. The next meeting date will be July 10, 2013 1:00PM to 3:30PM at OEM.

Attachment 1: Message from Fred Bretsch

From: Bretsch, Fred [mailto:Fred.Bretsch@fema.dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:23 PM
To: Matthew.T Marheine
Subject: Federal report and "asks"

FEMA Region is still constrained by sequester travel restrictions even though we have an FY 2013 budget.

- Our Region 10 Community Preparedness 3-day Workshop is now scheduled for the week of November 18, 2013.

Inquiring minds want to know…

- Is anyone using the IS-909 tools on preparedness activities for communities everywhere.

- ICPD HQ also asked whether we know of any jurisdictions doing any neighborhood preparedness programs (such as, Map Your Neighborhood). "Lots" was not a good enough answer (they are asking me for more details. (Any suggestions, or tips, etc will be appreciated.)

Other news:

- 2013 Community Preparedness awards application period will open soon (anticipated to run from April 22 to June 5). The delayed 2012 awards ceremony in DC will be held in conjunction with the 2013 awards ceremony (anticipated in September 2013).

- 2012 Preparedness Innovation Challenge Grant winners will be announced "soon." FEMA was exceptionally pleased with the high volume of applications.

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State Advisory Council - Citizen Corps

April 10, 2013 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Oregon Emergency Management - Anderson Readiness Center, Salem, OR

1. Introduction and opening

2. Approval of February 13, 2013 Minutes (attached to this document)

3. SAC Administration – Mitch Neilson (Lead All)

4. Federal Update – Matt Marheine

5. State Update – Matt Marheine
    a. FY2013 Grant update
    b. Recommendations for open positions on SAC: (Follow Up)
        i. Neighborhood Watch
        ii. VIPs
        iii. Tribal

6. Programs Definition Discussion - All

7. Outreach Strategies - All

8. Next Steps – Mitch Neilson Lead

9. Citizen Corps Program Updates - All

10. Good of the order

11. Next meeting: TBD by attendees-

YPC Application Social Media Posts

The following posts could be used by current YPC members, to encourage others to apply.

Facebook

Do you want to make a BIG impact in protecting your community from disasters? FEMA is collecting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Have you experienced a disaster? Did you share your experience with others in your community? FEMA is looking for new members for its Youth Preparedness Council to represent the youth perspective on disaster preparedness. www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

I feel like I have made such a difference in community preparedness this year on FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council…and now FEMA is looking for some new members! Interested in community preparedness? Take a look and see if you might want to apply! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Repost www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151479833555071&set=a.77178595070.113425.24472055070&type=1&theater with the comment: I've got a whole bunch of emergency buddies on FEMA's YPC – and we're looking for more! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

If you can answer "yes" to all of these questions, you could be on the next FEMA Youth Preparedness Council. Apply today! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

- Are you between 12 and 17?
- Have you made an impact helping your community before or after an emergency?
- Do you want to represent the youth perspective on disaster preparedness at a national level?

Have you made an impact helping your community before or after an emergency? Do you want to learn how you can make a bigger impact? FEMA is now collecting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

I have worked hard to try and make a difference in community preparedness this year while being a member of FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council. If you're interested in doing the same, FEMA is now accepting applications for new members. Apply today! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Twitter

Like preparing your community for disasters? FEMA wants YOU! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Think only adults can prepare for disasters? Think again! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Looking for a disaster preparedness opportunity? Apply for the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council today! www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness

Possible hashtags
#communityservice
#getinvolved
#FEMAYPC
#YouthPrep

Possible pictures to which to link
Any at http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters
www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151479833555071&set=a.77178595070.113425.24472055070&type=1&theater
Any at: http://blog.fema.gov/

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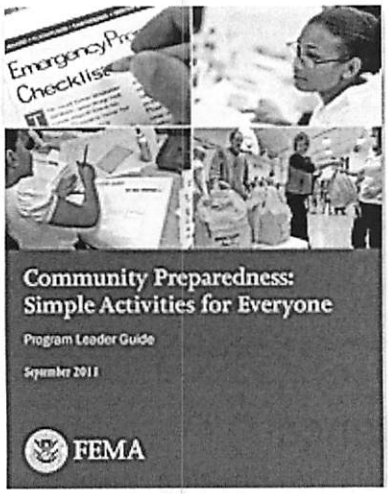
Fact Sheet

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: IMPLEMENTING SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Community Preparedness

FEMA supports state, tribal and local agencies; civic organizations; faith-based groups; and other community organizations that serve the whole community and educate individuals from their communities about simple steps one can take to become more prepared. We know you may be looking for new ways to engage this community and FEMA is working to provide these organizations with **additional tools** and **preparedness training opportunities**.



Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

As an initial first step into learning about preparedness, as a building block to more advanced preparedness training, to supplement existing efforts and to empower organizations and communities that are looking for a simple and effective way to share preparedness training, FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) worked with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) to design a curriculum that serves the needs and interests of the whole community. The online independent study course "**IS-909, Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone**," is available on the EMI website. IS-909 is a whole community preparedness "train-the-trainer" course and geared towards those supporting any existing, neighborhood preparedness program.

The purpose of this course is to present a model program for community preparedness. In addition, resources materials are available to help organizations conduct simple preparedness activities for everyone.

"46 percent of individuals expect to rely a great deal on people in their neighborhood for assistance within the first 72 hours after a disaster."

-2011 Citizen Corps "Personal Preparedness in America" survey

When the whole community comes together to respond to and help recover from these emergencies - neighbor helping neighbor - we can often help meet the needs of everyone!

At the end of the IS-909 course, practitioners will receive a certificate of completion and be able to:

- Identify the definition of preparedness,
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness,
- Identify community preparedness principles,
- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities,
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program, and
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

Find more information on this and other great programs at:

www.ready.gov/citizen-corps

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Community Preparedness Training

Upon completion of the IS-909 course, practitioners will be trained to offer their communities the series of 16 **Preparedness Activities for Communities Everywhere**.

The modules can be presented as brief standalone activities (15 - 30 minutes) or combined to create a comprehensive community training.

The 16 modules are broken down into the following topic areas:

- Core topics such as:
  - Preparedness on a budget
  - Developing personal neighborhood support networks
- Hazard-reduction topics such as:
  - Putting out fires
  - Identifying hazards in the home
- Specialized preparedness topics such as:
  - Pet/service animal preparedness
  - Whole community concept

The tools include:

- A comprehensive **Program Leaders guide (13-page PDF)** for those just starting a neighborhood preparedness effort. The Program Leaders guide strongly encourages cooperation, coordination, collaboration and communication with local government and existing preparedness programs before starting a new effort.
- **A facilitator guide (127-page PDF)** to assist the person who will lead the training, related presentation materials, and handouts for participants to use and keep.
- Preparedness Activities for Communities Everywhere modules are available in **English (127-page PDF)** and **Spanish (127-page PDF).**

Simple Steps to Implement Preparedness Training

Steps found in the Program Leaders guide

Step 1: Take the IS-909 Course
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Step 2: Identify Your Target Audience
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Step 3: Determine Interests and Needs
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Step 4: Select Presenteres
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Step 5: Prepare the Presentation
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Step 6: Arrange Logistics
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Step 7: Get the Word Out

Technical Assistance

FEMA is available to help you develop, tailor, and refine quality local community preparedness programs that fit your needs. To request assistance; please send an email to **citizencorps@dhs.gov** with "Whole Community TA" in the subject line.

More Information

For more information on whole community preparedness, please visit: **www.ready.gov/neighbors-helping-neighbors-through-preparedness**

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2012 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards Announcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the multi-state recipients of the 2012 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards. These Awards recognize the innovative practices and achievements of individuals, Citizen Corps Councils, and non-profit, faith-based, and private sector organizations working throughout the nation to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage any disaster or emergency event.

FEMA received applications from 38 States, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, representing program activities taking place during the period of January 1, 2011 and June 1, 2012. Each application reflected a wide array of activities, partnerships, and achievements, and demonstrated how much can be accomplished when the potential of Whole Community is harnessed. Other winners participated in emergency community planning and established creative methods to address the needs of their communities.

All winners will be invited, as FEMA's honored guests, to a community roundtable event in Washington, D.C.

FEMA congratulates the following awardees:

Outstanding State Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

Texas Citizen Corps (TX)

A leader in all aspects of community and citizen preparedness, Texas has 36 registered County Citizen Corps Councils, 15 Local Citizen Corps Councils and 104 registered Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs). The Texas State Citizen Corps program also fostered partnerships with numerous state agencies, including the State Administrative Agency and the Department of State Health Services, as well as non-governmental organizations. Strong partnerships and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) proved especially successful when trained CERT volunteers were integrated in the response for the Bastrop Complex Fire and North Texas tornadoes. Texas also has one of the most active and dynamic CERT programs in the country, and provides training to tribal governments, Spanish-speaking communities, and individuals with access and functional needs.

Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

New York City Citizen Corps Council (NY)

The New York City Citizen Corps Council (NYC CCC) has successfully established strong working relationships with nonprofit and community organizations and furthered its role in preparing the whole community for any disaster or emergency event. For example, through its work with the Immigrant Task Force, NYC CCC has successfully brought together nearly 130 leaders from nonprofit and other organizations to focus on ways to reach the immigrant population with preparedness and protective action messaging. Additionally, the Council helped to facilitate the collaboration of community leaders from New York's diverse communities to discuss the role volunteers can play in enhancing cross-cultural communication before, during, and after a disaster.

Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Initiatives

CERT Program and Volunteers, City of Newport Beach (CA)

The City of Newport Beach has 156 neighborhoods and more than 1000 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers, giving Newport Beach the highest per-capita CERT volunteer-to-resident ratio in all of California. These volunteers develop disaster preparedness and response programs for their communities, and provide training to their neighbors to educate Newport Beach's more than 88,000 residents about natural and manmade hazards.

Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness

Chinatown Community Development Center (CA)

San Francisco's Chinatown is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the country, and Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels are the dominant form of housing for more than 500 low-income, immigrant families. The occupants of these SROs, many of whom are seniors who speak only Chinese, are among the hardest to reach and most at-risk populations in the city. In order to help these residents to be better prepared for disasters, Chinatown's Community Development Center (CDC) developed a Youth for Single-Room Occupancy (YSRO) Program. In this program, young adults are trained and certified in emergency response and disaster preparedness, lead fire prevention and earthquake preparedness outreach efforts, and provide training to senior SRO residents. Participants in the YSRO program have also published a safety handbook, developed a slide presentation, and created bilingual educational materials currently used by the San Francisco Fire Department.

Preparing the Whole Community

American Red Cross Gateway to the Golden State (CA)

The American Red Cross Gateway to the Golden State Region Chapter mobilizes volunteers and leverages community partnerships to increase the resilience of low-income, immigrant, and underserved neighborhoods. Through six pilot Ready Neighborhood programs in local communities they have trained more than 16,000 individuals in lifesaving skills, including disaster preparedness, CPR, and basic first aid. In addition, they have developed a cadre of over 200 bilingual volunteers who work to prepare individuals whose first language is Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Tongan. They have also established a variety of networks through partnerships with more than 200 government agencies, community organizations, schools, and businesses, all working together to increase the preparedness and resilience of their communities.

Promising Partnerships

Partners in Preparedness (NY)

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched its Partners in Preparedness program in Times Square during the 2011 National Preparedness Month kick-off event. This new initiative was designed to help organizations better prepare their employees, volunteers, services, and facilities for a wide variety of disasters. The program frequently hosts webinars for its partners to share information and discuss the City's response plans. The New York City OEM recognizes that informed partners are better able to make decisions in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. Currently 243 organizations, representing more than 500,000 employees and volunteers, are engaged in the Partners for Preparedness program.

Awareness to Action

American Red Cross of the Poconos (PA)

Following Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, a community-based evaluation revealed the need to better prepare youth for disasters and emergency events. This information, coupled with the realization that many children are home alone for long periods of time due to parents and guardians working, encouraged the American Red Cross of the Poconos to take action and create the Kids Home Alone Emergency Preparedness Program. The American Red Cross of the Poconos was able to reach more than 500 fifth graders through the program's eight interactive workshop stations, which feature hands-on activities, videos, and games. These

stations teach 10-11 year olds how to stay safe in various disaster situations and the importance of putting together a family disaster plan and emergency kit. Post-evaluation for the workshops showed 90 percent of the students would recommend this program to other students and indicated the information was useful to them.

Innovative Use of Technology

North Dakota State University Agriculture Communication (ND)

In 2011, North Dakota State University led the development of two Smartphone apps to address the needs of the North Dakotans affected by disasters:

The Disaster Recovery Log app, free to Android smart phone users, was designed to help individuals recover from damage caused by flooding and other disasters. Utilizing the smartphone's camera and voice recorder features to document disaster damage, users are able to download and share information with disaster relief agencies, insurance representatives, and other organizations.

The **Winter Survival Kit** smartphone app helps individuals stranded during a winter storm find their current location, dial 911, notify friends and family of their situation/location, and calculate how long they can run their engine to keep warm while staying safe from carbon monoxide poisoning. It is available for free for both Android and iPhone smart phone users.

Volunteer Integration

West Pierce County Fire and Rescue CERT Program (WA)

The West Pierce County Fire and Rescue CERT Program boasts 369 members who serve a population of more than 90,000 citizens. The program integrates members of the whole community, bringing together diverse populations including members of the military, first responders, teachers, clergy, social workers, those who speak English as a second language, business owners, and even marine biologists to learn more about their local risks and to prepare one another and their neighborhoods for any disaster or emergency event. 159 new members have been recruited since 2011, allowing volunteers to reach deeper into the community with preparedness topics such as earthquake readiness, emergency shelter and evacuation readiness, and even medical triage.

Community Preparedness Heroes

Michael Parker (CA)

When Captain Michael J. Parker assumed command of the Headquarters Bureau for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, he set out to improve his department's communication with the community. He identified several partners to help improve and focus the Department's messaging, and introduced the department to new platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

In 2012 the Los Angeles County area was being terrorized by a serial arsonist. In response Joint Information System named "Arson Watch LA" was established that used agency websites, Facebook, Twitter, Nixle, and YouTube. Within 36 hours, Arson Watch LA had over 1000 fans on Facebook and 1500 followers on Twitter, with an extended reach of 29,000 people. On Sunday, January 1, 2012, Arson Watch LA released security footage of the suspect to all social network sites and agency websites. By 10 p.m., tips began to pour into the tip line regarding information pertaining to the video. By 3 a.m. the suspect was captured in West Hollywood.

Mohamed Ali (WA)

During a severe windstorm in 2011 the Department of Public Health saw a spike in the number of deaths related to carbon monoxide poisoning. When the forecast in King County called for another significant winter storm event, Mohamed Ali made calls to members of the Somali Health Board and religious and community leaders, stressing the need to talk to community members about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. Local

leaders crafted a voicemail message in Somali and English that was robo-dialed to thousands of Somali's and East Africans in King County. They included carbon monoxide poisoning prevention messaging and winter travel warnings. Mohamed's phone number was included in the message so if anyone had questions they could call him. The following morning, Mohamed was awakened to phone call after phone call and was responded to multiple requests for assistance.

Mohamed's actions helped save lives: there were no fatalities attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning, and a 90 percent reduction in carbon monoxide hospital admissions was reported after the storm.

Scott Ellis (NJ)

After being forced to give up his dream job as a firefighter when he was paralyzed in an accident, Scott Ellis continued to dedicate his life to helping others. As the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at the Progressive Center for Independent Living in Hamilton, NJ, Scott has trained hundreds of individuals with access and functional needs on how to prepare for emergencies, conducted adaptive equipment demonstrations and access and functional needs awareness/sensitivity training for first responders, and served as a leader in his local CERT program and provided CERT training to individuals with access and functional needs

Second Annual Recipient of the John D. Solomon Preparedness Award

Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)

The John D. Solomon Preparedness Award is named for the late creator of the groundbreaking blog, *In Case of Emergency, Read Blog: A Citizen's Eye View Of Public Preparedness*. FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate once stated that John, "Set the standard for what it means to be part of our nation's emergency management team."

This year, the Second Annual John D. Solomon Preparedness Award is presented to the **Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)** for their outstanding engagement efforts and their singular ability to collaborate and work as a team with a broad scope of organizations in disaster preparedness and response. Their efforts exemplify the commitment to teamwork and broad scope that hallmarked John's work. BRACE coordinates with nearly 500 different organizations, engaging in efforts that reach the business community, children and youth, underserved populations, faith-based organizations, first responders, and individuals with access and functional needs, and more. However, BRACE's commitment to teamwork extends beyond their vision of making their community "the most disaster resilient in America." BRACE responds to requests from across the country from communities seeking to replicate the programs and services provided by BRACE, and regularly shares their insight and experiences with other jurisdictions through correspondence and presentations. BRACE also strives to innovate and improve on emergency preparedness efforts, engaging in a lessons learned process in which BRACE and its partners identified shortfalls following Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, and Katrina, and took steps to address those shortfalls.

Honorable Mentions

Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

- Southeast Florida Regional Citizen Corps (FL)
- Green River Regional Citizen Corps (KY)
- Palm Beach County Citizen Corps (FL)
- Prince George's County Citizen Corps (MD)

Outstanding State Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

- Arizona Citizen Corps (AZ)
- Delaware Citizen Corps (DE)
- Washington Citizen Corps (WA)
- Oregon Citizen Corps (OR)

Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Initiatives

- West Pierce County Fire and Rescue CERT Program (WA)
- New York City CERT (NY)
- Barnstable County Sheriff's Office CERT (MA)
- Georgetown University Campus CERT (DC)

Awareness to Action

- Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) (FL)
- Massachusetts Office of Disability (MA)
- Golden Triangle Business Development District (DC)
- North Alabama Medical Reserve Corps (AL)

Promising Partnerships

- American Red Cross Mississippi (MS)
- King County Healthcare Coalition (WA)
- San Francisco Interfaith Council (CA)
- Islamic Relief USA (VA)

Preparing the Whole Community

- New York City Citizen Corps (NY)
- Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) (FL)
- American Red Cross Nashville (TN)
- King County Healthcare Coalition (WA)

Innovative Use of Technology

- Ready Georgia Mobile App (GA)
- Michael J. Parker (CA)
- American Red Cross Mile High Region (CO)
- #SMEMchat (MD)

Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness

- Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School (ID)
- Santa Rosa Citizen Corps (FL)
- Stutsman County Citizen Corps (ND)
- Alamo Area Citizen Corps (TX)

Volunteer Integration

- CERT Program & Volunteers, City of Newport Beach (CA)
- Neighborhood Ready Project (OR)
- Town of Scarborough (ME)
- Chicago CERT (IL)

Community Preparedness Heroes

- Peter Forman (NY)
- Michelle Hanneken (IL)
- Michael Weil (LA)
- Kelle Landavazo (OR)
- Kellie Bentz (NY)

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FEMA's 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge

National Preparedness Month may be coming to a close, but as emergency managers, we know that prepa communities. We are also keenly aware that a government-centric approach to disaster management is ins catastrophic incident. To meet our preparedness goals, the whole community must be actively involved in a and recovery cycle.

On Thursday Sept. 27, 2012 we announced the start of the application period for the Community Resilience new monetary opportunity is designed to continue to move community preparedness forward and assist loc community-based partnerships to advance the nation's resilience to disasters. Submissions will be accepte

"The best resiliency ideas originate in our states and communities – not from Washington, DC," said FEMA program is to empower communities to collaborate and develop innovative ways to effectively respond to di

Rockefeller Foundation and FEMA sponsor the Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Opportunity, w Emergency Preparedness Foundation, a third-party intermediary, to encourage local communities to engag resilience. Funding levels will range, with a maximum award of $35,000, and applications are open to most governments; business entities; associations; organizations and groups.

Help spread the word in your communities and share additional information on the Challenge program crite at www.fema.gov and www.ResilienceChallenge.org.

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2013 OVFA Conference

Hosted by

The Volunteer Firefighters Association (Boring/Clackamas),
Boring Fire District #59, and Clackamas Fire District #1

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June 19-22, 2013
Boring/Clackamas, Oregon

Welcome to the 55th annual Training Conference sponsored by the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association and hosted by The Volunteer Firefighters Association (Boring/Clackamas), Boring Fire District #59, and Clackamas Fire District #1. I want to personally invite your department to send as many representatives as you can to this conference. This will be only the 2nd time in many years that the conference will be up in the metro area bringing many other opportunities with light rail and shopping malls close by. Bring your family to enjoy attractions in the area such as shopping, movie theaters, the Clackamas Aquatic Center, Portland Zoo, OMSI and many other exciting opportunities. Come early or plan to stay an extra day to enjoy all this area has to offer.

The OVFA Conference Committee and our host department have been working hard to put together a high quality conference of exciting classes that could make this one of the best ever. Classes this year include a water rescue class that lets attendees jump in the mighty Clackamas River and be rescued, an MCI class that will explore inside what took place at the Clackamas Town Center shooting incident and the Bus crash in eastern Oregon along with our Extrication Classes and Rope Rescue that are always favorites.

As always we offer several options for classes including one, two, and four day classes. If you can't make it for the full conference, consider joining us for a one or two day of class.

All registrations include breakfast and lunch for each day. A full conference registration will include a conference t-shirt and a ticket to the OVFA banquet on Friday night at the Abernathy Center. Additional banquet tickets can be purchased in advance for guests. We have an exciting Keynote Speaker for our Banquet this year; you'll have to attend to find out who it is!

Wednesday our host department is planning a welcome BBQ, an Extrication Demonstration, and a night golf tournament. Your conference registration includes the BBQ; additional tickets can be purchased for guests. Details on the night golf will be available soon so check the website for more information. Our Vendor and Apparatus Show will be Thursday evening at the Monarch Hotel. Come by and meet with a wide selection of fire service vendors while you browse for bargains at the Silent Auction. Join us Friday evening for our annual banquet to announce the Firefighter of the Year and Lifetime Achievement winners and install your newly elected board.

I am really looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at conference again this year!!

David Sellers
President

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 19

0800—1700	Registration open at Clackamas Training Center
0930—1700	High Angle Rescue Class begins at Clackamas Training Center
1700—1900	BBQ, Hosted by Boring/Clackamas Depts. Clackamas Station 8
2100 start time	Twilight Golf Event—limited spots available!
	Golf is being hosted by the Volunteer Firefighters Association
	Boring/Clackamas. Estimated ending time will be midnight.

Thursday, June 20

0700—0930	Registration & Breakfast at Monarch Hotel
0800—0930	Opening Ceremonies
1000—1700	Classes begin (see attendee packets for locations)
1800—2100	Vendor and Apparatus Show (Silent Auction)

Friday, June 21

0700—0930	Registration & Breakfast at Monarch Hotel
0800—0930	OVFA Business Meeting
1000—1700	Classes continue
1000—1700	Fire Corp Classes
1800—2000	Banquet and Swearing of Officers (Live Auction)
	at Abernathy Center

Saturday, June 22

0700—0930	Registration & Breakfast at Monarch Hotel
0800—0930	OVFA Business Meeting
1000—1700	Classes continue

Thank you for joining us this year, safe travels home!

Course Descriptions

FLAG & Vehicle Fire Safety Program
DPSST Staff
There is a strong possibility you will be called to respond to a flammable liquids and gas emergency during your career as an emergency responder. This course will prepare and assist you to respond to and act in a SAFE manner should an incident of the type occur. These incidents have caused death and injury to many firefighters over the years. The students will be instructed on how to operate in a safe and proper manner during a Flammable or Combustible Liquids incident. You need to know and understand the characteristics of the products involved and have a basic understanding of how the product(s) will react when released from their container.
Course examines tactical considerations and their coordinated application in response to fires involving flammable liquids and gases. Classroom lecture, hands-on exercises, and live burn scenario training focus on key team coordination concepts. The course is intense, disciplined, and physically challenging. Fire fighter safety and proper use of PPE will be reinforced throughout the class.

All students participating in the FLAG program are required to meet OR-OSHA Respiratory Standards, Div. 2L 1910.134. The standard requires all personnel who wear SCBA to have been fit tested and meet the medical evaluation requirements for respirator use. If you have visible facial hair between your skin and the seal area of the face piece.....you will not be able to participate in the practical evolutions. You are; however, welcome to participate in the classroom session.

Vehicle Fire Safety Class
This course will instruct students on how to attack a passenger vehicle fire operating as a member of a team, given personal protective equipment, attack line, and hand tools, so that hazards are avoided, leaking flammable liquids are identified and controlled, protection from flash fires is maintained, all vehicle compartments are overhauled, and the fire is extinguished.
The students will learn the principles of fire streams as they relate to fighting automobile fires; precautions to be followed when advancing hose lines toward an automobile; observable results that a fire stream has been properly applied; identifying alternative fuels and the hazards associated with them; dangerous conditions created during an automobile fire; common types of accidents or injuries related to fighting automobile fires and how to avoid them; how to access locked passenger, trunk, and engine compartments; and methods for overhauling an automobile. The students will also be given the ability to identify automobile fuel type; assess and control fuel leaks; open, close, and adjust the flow and pattern on nozzles; apply water for maximum effectiveness while maintaining flash fire protection; advance 1.5 in. or larger diameter attack lines; and expose hidden fires by opening all automobile compartments.

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Days: 1 day— Fri
Class Size: 16-24
Requirements: See specific notes above about each classes requirements.

Safety & Survival/Search Techniques
Clackamas & Boring Fire Personnel
This course is 100% hands on and will focus on firefighter safety and survival skills as they pertain to Mayday communications, self rescue, and the rescue of downed crew members. Students will receive instruction on self rescue from inside a structure as well as individual and teams skills utilizing basic equipment to locate, assess and extricate lost, trapped, or incapacitated crew members.
Students will experience both individual teaching stations and team scenarios.

LEARNED SKILLS: Calling a Mayday, Air management in a Mayday, Predictable skills to help locate *You,* Predictable skills to help locate *Crew members,* Proactive RIT mindset, RIT search, Assessment of downed firefighter, Extricating downed firefighters, Self rescue below grade, Crew member rescue below grade, Effective communications in RIT activation

Days: 1 day—Thurs or Sat
Class Size: 16-20
Requirements: Full structural PPE, Complete SCBA, One spare SCBA cylinder, 2 cylinder total

Vehicle Extrication
Chris Mills—TVF&R
This course is designed to meet the requirements of the NFPA 1670 Operations Level Course for Vehicle Extrication. It is geared toward both beginners and more experienced rescue workers, as it includes reviews of new vehicle technology; including anatomy, airbags, pre-tensioners, and hybrid vehicles. Students will participate in both classroom lecture/ discussion and in hands on, putting the lessons learned inside to work. They will learn techniques designed to take advantage and conquer today's vehicles. Hands on will include scenarios with vehicles on their tires, side, and on their top. PT care and removal will also be addressed during this class. These hours can be applied to EMS recertification hours.

Days: 1 day—Thurs, Fri or Sat
Class Size: 16 students
Requirements: Full PPE/turnouts

Water Rescue
Clackamas & Boring Fire Personnel
This class covers basic safety and survival techniques for working around water and water craft.
The class has 2-3 hours of classroom followed by 3-4 hours of in water training.
The in water section does require some physical exertion.

Days: 1 day—Thurs or Sat
Class Size: 16
Requirements: Bring sweatpants & sweatshirt,
Dry Suits Provided

Rope Rescue
Jim Bolton
This course will train firefighters and emergency responders in the use of rope, rescue equipment, and mechanical advantage systems for high-angle rescue environments. This course is applicable for rescuers seeking to initially acquire these skills, or to refresh and expand upon existing skills.

Days: 4 days—Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat
Class Size: 16 students
Requirements: Class III Harness/Helmet/Gloves/Safety Glasses

Strategies and Tactics
John Oliver, BC CFD1
Strategies and Tactics for today's structure fires
Designed for the initial Incident Commander, this class provides Firefighters, Officers and Chiefs with a strong foundation for development and application of west coast Strategies and Tactics. There are invaluable learning points for every level of Incident Commander at each turn of the class. Consisting of media enhanced presentations, small group activities and extensive use of simulations this opportunity brings a very palatable approach to learning, understanding and applying command and control operations at today's rapidly escalating fire incidents. Real life emergency scenarios will be brought to life through the use of Fire Studios simulator, actual incident audio and real life video. This class meets and exceeds the requirements for NFPA Fire Officer 1, emergency strategies/tactics and post incident analysis.

Days: 2 day—Thurs & Fri
Class Size: 24
Requirements: Pen & Paper

Fire Officer Leadership
Daniel Woodson
This fire officer development course is designed to help the aspiring, new, or existing fire officer in their duties. The course will cover basic principles of budgeting, personnel management, laws that affect the fire officer, leadership, management, incident command, and other things needed to function in the fire officer role. This class will give the fire officer a practical approach to being the leader and give them many things to keep them out of trouble. This class will touch on many topics in NFPA 1021.

Days: 2 day class —Friday & Saturday
Class Size: 30 Maximum
Requirements: Pen & Paper

Incident Rehabilitation
Jack Tanz
2 hour lecture coupled with an opportunity to set up the three rehabs that we have as well as opportunity to walk through a rehab set up.

Days: Saturday
Class Size: 16-20
Requirements: Pen & Paper

On Scene Haz Mat IC
Devon Wells, Hood River Fire

This course is designed for any initial emergency response personnel who may find themselves in charge of a hazardous materials incident. The course will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to perform at the incident commander level for hazardous materials response including personal protective equipment, decontamination, and overall functions within an Incident Management System. This course meets the requirement of NFPA 472, Standard for Responders to Hazardous Materials Incident Commander.

Days: 2 day class —Friday & Saturday
Class Size: 30 Maximum
Requirements: Pen & Paper

Truck Work For All Companies –100% Hands-On Class
Clackamas & Boring Fire Personnel
This course will establish foundational & functional operations for first and second due truck company operations. Whether your organization has a dedicated Truck Company or not, fire ground support operations must occur for safe and effective fire ground operations to occur. The course will stress firefighter safety including basic smoke reading, building construction, and ventilation techniques. Students will be given the opportunity to perform the ventilation techniques on ground-level pitched props and then perform them at height. VES skills will be performed both at ground level (single- story) and at height off a ladder (multistory). The class will cover when, where, how, and why we ventilate, taking into consideration involvement, building construction, and wind and smoke conditions.
Ventilation: Aggressive ventilation practices are critical to effective and safe fire ground operations at all rapidly developing fires. Class will teach the basic and advanced skills necessary to perform the critical function of ventilation on residential and commercial occupancies. In addition, students will be taught the effective use of laddering operations specific to ventilation practices and safe saw handling techniques.
Forcible Entry: Course will cover multiple forcible entry operations and objectives. Utilizing the standard "Irons" to the use of rotary saws and specialized forcible entry tools, the student will be taught the most effective ways of "Opening Up or Softening the Structure".
Vent Enter Search: Course will cover go and no go situations for VES, techniques in search, victim removal, sizing up the occupancy for VES locations and tricks of the trade for entering the building.

Days: 1 day—Thurs or Sat
Class Size: 16-20
Requirements: Full structural PPE, Complete SCBA, One spare SCBA cylinder, 2 cylinder total

NFPA Instructor I (Distance Learning Course)
Captain Tom Crowder
Course will cover:

4-2 Program Management - The management of basic resources and the records and reports essential to the instructional process.

4-3 Instructional Development - The review and adaptation of prepared instructional materials.

4-4 Instructional Delivery - The delivery of instructional sessions utilizing prepared course materials.

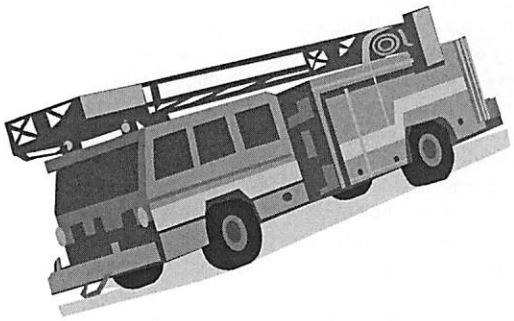
4-5 Evaluation & Testing - The administration and grading of student evaluation instruments.
http://fireinstructor1.com/fire/index.php

Days: 2 day—Thurs & Fri
Class Size: 16 students
Requirements: All Students are **REQUIRED** to complete the on-line portion of the course before attending the two day in classroom portion. *You MUST log-in to the following website at least 14 days prior to the class*.

Today's Mass Casualty. Temporary management of mass casualties. The Clackamas Town Center Incident, MCI's and Casualty Collection Points (CCP)

Hear from the incident commanders of the Clackamas Town Center Mall shooting and Pendleton Tour Bus incident followed by overview and set up of Casualty Collection Point (CCP) using Clackamas Fire's Heavy Squad 5. Followed by hands on MCI drills.

Days: 1 day—Fri or Sat
Class Size: 16-24
Requirements: Full PPE/turnouts



Join us Thursday night for our Annual Vendor & Apparatus Show. Fire Service vendors will be on hand to demonstrate and show off their latest equipment.

Again this year we will be combining our silent auction with the Vendor & Apparatus show. All proceeds will go to the OVFA Volunteer Relief Fund to help injured volunteers and their families.

And don't forget about the live auction held after the Banquet Friday evening. All proceeds go to the Oregon Burn Center. If you would like to contribute items to either auction please bring them to the registration desk when you check in.

LODGING INFORMATION

MONARCH HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

12566 S.E. Ninety-Third Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015 reservations must be made by calling the hotel direct at (800) 492-8700 or (503) 652-7507, by e-mailing rescenter@monarchhotel.cc. or by going to www.monarchhotel.cc, clicking on Groups tab and entering OVFA as the code.

RATES- PLUS 7% ROOM TAX (TAX SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Singles $79.00
Doubles . . . $79.00
Triples $89.00
Quads $99.00
Suites (not including connecting room) $129.00

Be sure to mention the OVFA conference to get the listed rates.

1284 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Conference Highlights and Registration Form

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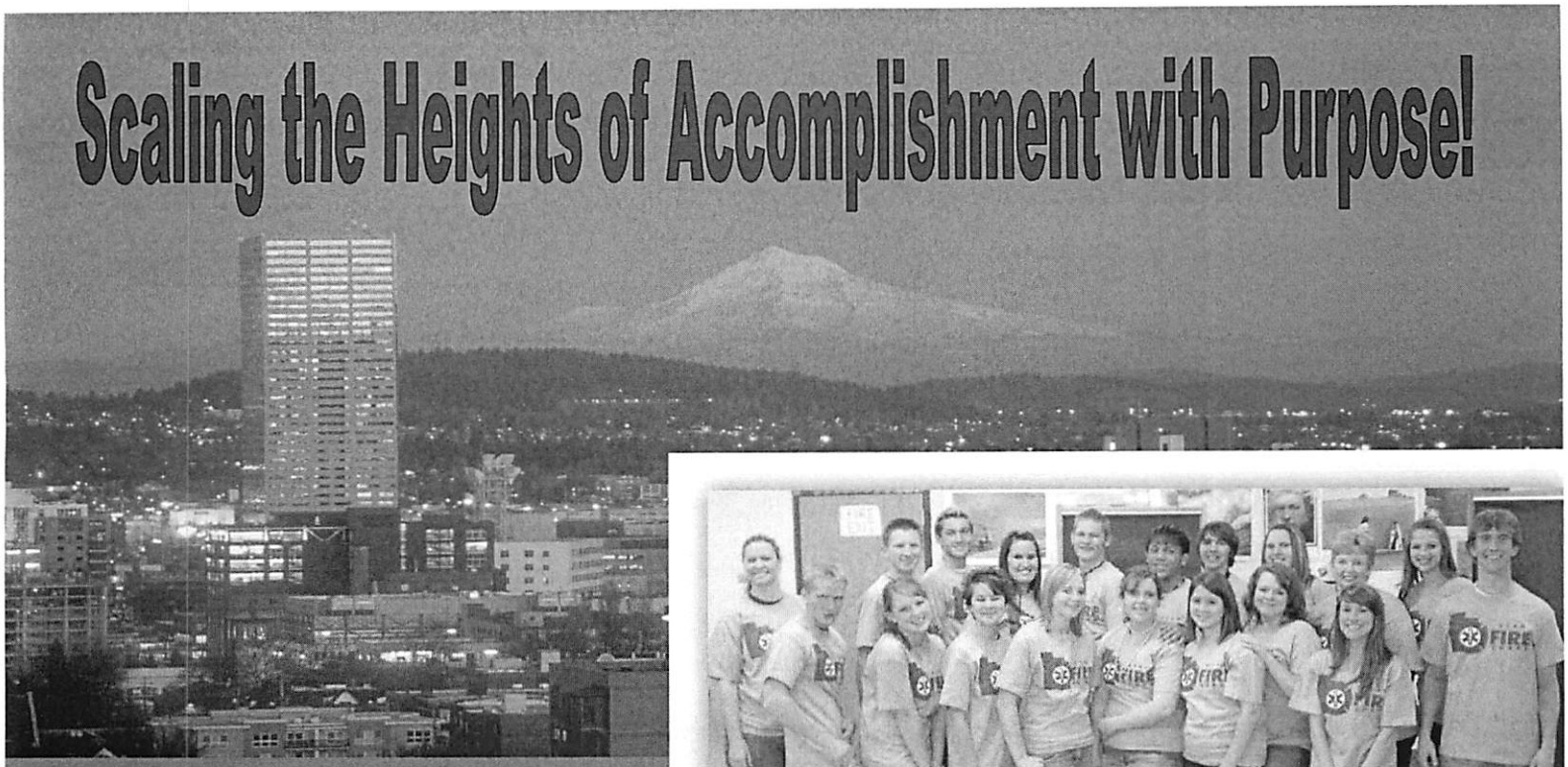

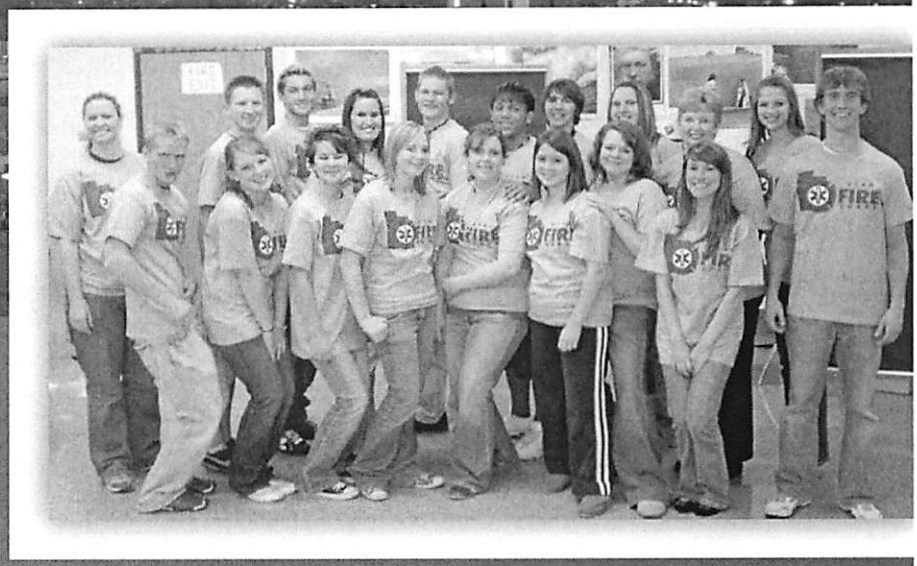

FIRE CORPS

3rd Annual Oregon Fire Corps Conference June 21st. 2013

Registration is Open

Go to www.ovfa.org to register.

Contact: Stella Hickey
541-561-8554
OregonFireCorps@yahoo.com

Fire Corps Classes are free to anyone who would like to take them. Food Packages are available at a low cost. Fire Corps Awards will be awarded at the OVFA Awards banquet to attend you will need to purchase a banquet ticket. Award winners will be given complimentary tickets to the Banquet. We look forward to seeing you all there.