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**Media Advisory:** OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SCHEDULES EARTHQUAKE PREP ROAD SHOW

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The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and American Red Cross are teaming up to bring QuakePrep Talks for earthquake preparedness to communities in Southern Oregon throughout September, which is National Preparedness Month.

The public workshops will educate residents on how to prepare, survive, and recover from an earthquake.

"Hundreds of small earthquakes happen every year in Oregon, and current scientific findings indicate a major 9.0 or higher earthquake could strike our state at any time" said Althea Rizzo, Geologic Hazards Coordinator for the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. "Learn how to be your own survival story."

Oregon is located in the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a large fault line stretching from California to Oregon. With the release of the Oregon Resilience Plan, a detailed report on how Oregon would fair in an earthquake, there is renewed interest in planning for a disaster.

The workshops will allow participants to learn how to develop an emergency plan and put together an emergency kit. Being prepared can reduce losses and fear associated with disasters.

QuakePrep Talks are scheduled for the following locations:

- \* Sept. 16, Lakeview High School cafeteria, 906 S. 3rd St., Lakeview, Ore. 6:00 p.m.
- \* Sept. 17, Klamath Falls Library, 126 S. 3rd St., Klamath Falls, Ore. 6:00 p.m.
- \* Sept. 20, Medford City Hall, City Council Chambers, 411 W. 8th Street, Medford, Ore. 3:00 p.m.
- \* Sept. 23, Anne Basker Auditorium, 604 NW 6th Street Grants Pass, Ore. 9:30 a.m.

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management is sponsoring the road show to help Oregon become more resilient for natural disasters. The American Red Cross will present along with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management at the workshops.

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