



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

October – December 2024

Craft Your Own Emergency Pre-Plans

Our FD3/CERT Program has been developed around the concept of preparing for a worst-case, Cascadia Subduction Earthquake that will devastate West Coast residents from British Columbia to Northern California. Our teams have developed operational “pre-plans” that have also been pre-approved so that CERT members are already authorized and able to mobilize and swing into action should they lack direct communications from their chains of command. That is only a partial solution however.

Every CERT member should also have a personal “pre-plan” that outlines the specific steps one should take in the event of a disaster event on the Olympic Peninsula. It will be too hard to think of everything on the fly when an emergency hits your home and family. In the midst of heavy damage or loss of infrastructure, it will already be too late to find and assemble all the essential supplies one might need to safely survive and recover from a catastrophic event.

The contents of your personal pre-plan will be specific to your own situation, but you can find extensive guidance at this link [<https://www.ready.gov/plan>] which, for brevity’s sake, won’t be replicated here. Once it is created, everyone in your family should be aware of your own pre-plan. Your plan should make allowances for variations in the kinds of emergencies you may encounter, whether they be earthquakes, fires, heavy snow, high winds, loss of electrical power, hazardous spills, or some combination of any of these hazards. Planning for the worst case does facilitate your responses to less serious events.

Get in touch with the **Clallam Ready** points of contact to prepare yourself and your neighbors for the next emergency event. Craft or update your personal emergency pre-plan today.

Clallam Ready Sequim -- Updates



Dolores Wolfe



Muriel McCarty



Eileen Damian

Your Clallam Ready Sequim (CRS) leaders



Wow! 2024 is just zipping by. Clallam Ready Sequim is still very active as we enter the 4th quarter, with a few upcoming neighborhood presentations and a KSQM interview scheduled for November 15th.

To date we've met with numerous groups of neighbors and attended multiple events including the Lavender Festival and the Safety Fair. Additionally, through CRS outreach, the Shipley Senior Center hosted a CRS overview presentation which was very well attended.

Our interactions with the public continue to inform & inspire us and have resulted in an ever-increasing calendar of CRS neighborhood presentations. During our winter break (December-February) we will update our PowerPoint presentations, refine our outreach processes and brainstorm new ways to keep disaster preparedness relevant to our community.

If you and/or your neighborhood participated in The Great American Shakeout (10:17 a.m. 10/17/24) please send us an e-mail at the address below and let us know what you did. And don't forget to tune to KSQM radio (91.5FM) on Friday, November 15th at 12 pm, and listen in as the Clallam Ready Sequim leaders are interviewed.

Have you been to our website recently? It has lots of valuable information to help you and your neighbors get prepared.

We've hidden an image somewhere within the site.

Be the first to email us with its location and tell us something new that you learned by visiting.



CRS invites you to visit our **new website**. It can be accessed via ccfd3.org. Click on "CERT Program" then click the Clallam Ready logo, or go directly via: <https://www.bellelealand.net/clallamready>.

If you do not have a CRS team in your neighborhood, please email us at clallamready.sequim@gmail.com or call us at 360-670-0439 to learn what you can do to help yourself and your neighborhood get prepared.



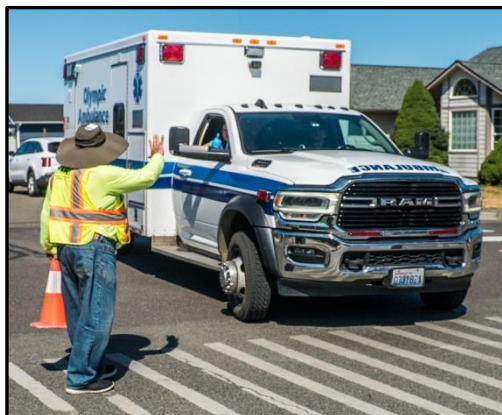
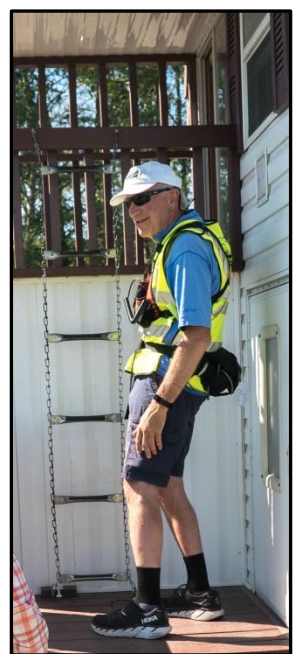
CRS is a new and evolving program - we appreciate your ideas, comments and feedback.

CERT and CRS Work at the Sequim Lavender Festival (Jul 19-21)



Each July during Sequim's Lavender Festival celebrations, SOA/CERT sets up an information booth to inform the thousands of visitors of the presence of our community service program. We are also able to provide useful information regarding some of the local risks and hazards here on the Peninsula. The booth is well equipped with charts and brochures to promote public emergency preparation planning. Even Sparky the Fire Dog was present, trying to stay cool.

CERT and CRS Work at the Sequim Lavender Festival (cont.)



Over the course of the three-day festival, approximately 30 CERT members were present for duty. Traffic was heavy and parking was scarce. Warm days sometimes result in medical emergencies, and our CERTs supported the movement of emergency equipment into and out of the crowded park.

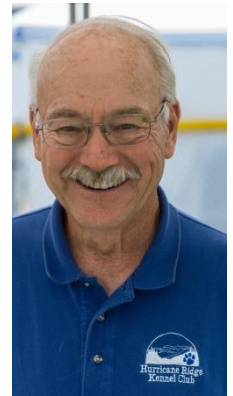
Fire Safety Trailer Demonstrations



Clallam County Fire District #3 recently received a gift from Fire District #4 in Joyce; it's a vintage training aid, a traileed Fire Safety mini-House. Built in the 1980's, this Fire Safety House is designed to simulate a fire situation in a home environment. It was equipped with the ability to simulate "hot" doors, blow theatrical smoke, and sound fire alarms. Its purpose is to orient children how to react to a fire in their house. The electronic control panels are currently in need of overhaul, but when the Safety House is fully restored, it will be regularly featured at Sequim's community events. CERT volunteers can be trained to "run" the fire simulations and thus contribute yet another community service to the Sequim Operational Area.



Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club Dog Show (July 26-28)



Each year, the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club hosts a dog show that attracts hundreds of dog enthusiasts from all over the west coast and Canada. CERT helps park their vehicles safely.



CERT tasks include collecting day parking fees at the entrance and then assigning the vehicles to RV, FastCAT, Long, and General parking lanes. The 3-day show runs from 6:15 AM to about 2:00 PM for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Club provides CERT workers with a lunch.





Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club Dog Show (July 26-28)



CERT volunteers are greatly appreciated by the Show organizers. We also typically receive a lot of positive feedback from the Show participants as well. We practice CERT teamwork, radio skills, and public interactions. CERT contributions to community service are noticed by the public and help to raise general awareness of our program and the kinds of positive impacts our program can have that benefit all our neighbors. If you have not yet experienced serving at the Dog Show, consider trying it next year. It's fun and beneficial.

Air Affaire (August 24)



Who cares about airplanes?
We're the puddle jumpers!



The Sequim Air Affaire is an annual opportunity to come to the Sequim Valley Airport and see a variety of small aircraft, listen to music, look at old cars, eat some great food, and see all the aviation-related crafts and vendors on display. FD3 showed off its new heavy-duty, bariatric ambulance. CERT was there with an information booth. Blaine used the new ambulance to respond to a medical incident at the Affaire, accomplishing its first operational response!

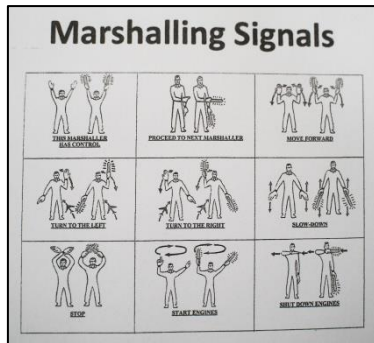


Soroptimist Back to School Fair (24 August)

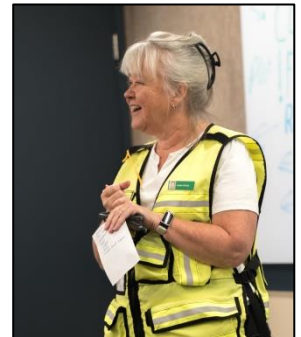


Sequim's Soroptimist International Club sponsors an annual **Back to School Fair** at the Boys and Girls Club. At the 6-hour event, students can receive **free school supplies**, COVID vaccinations, and a chance to inspect and touch CCFD3 fire equipment. CERT volunteers manage the traffic flow through the Club's busy parking lot, entrances and exits, mostly to keep the kids safe relative to the moving vehicles. Cones and barriers were put in place to guide one-way traffic through the access lanes.

DART Training for CERT Ground Support



On 7 September, Members from CERT 2, CERT 3 and CERT 14 received an aircraft safety briefing from Mr. Dave Woodcock, Vice Chairman of Clallam's Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART). This training is intended to prepare CERT members to support emergency airlift operations at Diamond Point, Sequim Valley and Blue Ribbon airfields. A week later, on 14 September, CERT members practiced their on site aircraft support skills at the Sequim Valley airfield. The training is intended to orient CERT support personnel to enable them to perform safe and effective services to light aircraft or helicopters in order to transfer delivered boxes of food to Sequim Food Bank personnel standing by at the airfield. These are the kinds of service contributions that CERT members may do during a widespread emergency situation.





CCFD3/SOA/CERT Safety Fair Setup

The CCFD3 / SOA /CERT SAFETY FAIR: The 2nd Annual Safety Fair took place on October 5th. Preparations for the Safety Fair began months earlier. There were many details and public service agencies to contact and coordinate. The preparation team was led by CERT's Donna Stoffel, who organized and led many volunteers to make the Fair a success. The physical setup occurred on Friday, 4 October. Here are a few examples of the Friday setup activities.



Donna Stoffel is the task-master!



Keith Koehler aims the projector



Sally B irons wrinkles out



Fair visitors always need clear signage.



Fire District 3 and CERT were positioned to be the first to greet the visitors as they enter into the Guy Cole Center.

John A and John V on setup duty



The chairs are ready for the audience

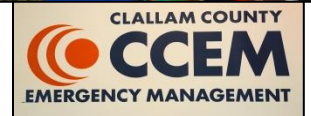
CCFD3/SOA/CERT Safety Fair (Oct 5)

The 2nd Annual Sequim/FD3/CERT Safety Fair involved over 50 public service agencies. At least 1000 persons attended the Fair. Outdoors, the public had access to "Touch-a-Truck" displays, a Life-Flight helicopter, the portable "Fire Safety House" trailer, and heavy-duty public safety equipment on display. The CERT table featured a computer-driven demonstration of all the great emergency preparedness information on the CERT website.



CCFD3/SOA/CERT Safety Fair (Oct 5)

The Safety Fair certainly offered the public a chance to see and appreciate the extent of all the community service organizations that exist to make our town a great place to live, but it also serves the purpose of increasing interagency awareness and cooperation that will, should a major emergency event take place, help to facilitate a collaborative and effective response to the urgent needs of the public they serve.



SOA/CERT Quick Items



Sharing Responsibilities in a Complex CERT Program:

Our FD3/CERT Program has grown to a size that requires a more distributed array of responsible points of contact to handle the increased complexity of our support missions. In a recent letter to our CERT members, Senior Program Manager Blaine Zechenelly outlined some new organizational assignments. In brief, they are as follows:

--**John Viada** will serve as the FD3/CERT Logistics Chief who will operate from the ECC and be responsible for communications, emergency administrative support and supply acquisitions.

--**Butch Zaharias** will lead our FD3/CERT medical supply, storage and distribution efforts. Butch is also Division Chief for our nascent R Corner and Deer Park Divisions, operating from Station 32. He oversees the CERT Safety House and leads medical instruction at the CERT Academy.

--**Ernylee Chamlee** is the new Chief of the Sequim Division, operating from Station 34. She will also be the webmaster for the CERT Website and will develop our CERT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

--**John Anzalotti** is now Deputy Chief of the Sequim Division, operating from the Sunland CONEX. He will also serve as a temporary Captain for Teams 4 and 7 until their new Captains are announced.

--**Charlie Meyer** is Chief of Carlsborg Division, operating from Station 33. He oversees PIO matters, KSQM interview scheduling, grant writing, the CERT Newsletter, photography, and drone mission development.

--**Bob McCauley** is Chief of Miller Peninsula Division, operating from Station 37 or the Wild Bird Sanctuary CONEX. He is working to establish our CERT Program as a non-profit, 501(c)3 entity.

Emergency Shelters Coming Available:

While shelter management is not a focus for our CERT mission, the emerging availability of emergency shelters in the Sequim Operational Area (SOA) is a matter of interest because such shelters offer a potential relocation option for the survivors we recover during a disaster event. The City of Sequim has agreed to oversee the establishment of emergency shelter facilities in the SOA. Local churches are the most survivable large structures in our area, so the FD3 emphasis has been to work with local churches to establish a robust shelter program. To date, the following churches have been identified as potential emergency shelter locations:

--Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church: 80 beds.

--Trinity United Methodist Church: 80 beds.

--Sequim Community Church: 140 beds.

--St Luke Episcopal Church: 40 beds.

The City of Sequim would like to build up to a 1000-bed capability, so more facilities still need to be identified as emergency shelters.

KSQM Radio Interviews :

CERT members represent a diverse and professionally interesting array of community volunteers. Our background stories, experiences and motivations regarding our CERT commitments would be of great interest to KSQM's audience. Radio host Jim Emett ("Papa Jim") is co-Captain of CERT 3, and would love to spend a few minutes on the air interviewing CERT members. Such interviews can promote our program and help others in our community to decide to join us. His interviews are conducted on the third Friday of each month, from noon to one. Call Charlie Meyer or Cindy Z to volunteer. Don't be shy. It's fun.

TRAINING

The CERT Training Page on the website is constantly being updated. We don't always let team members know when we have updated the information. Here is some information that has been added recently:

- Academy Courses have been updated
 - Disaster Psychology has been updated
- Communications Training. Situation cards are now available to help you to rehearse typical radio conversations. You can practice talking on the radio while remembering frequencies and position titles.
- DART Training. Dart is now asking that ALL CERTs be trained in DART. CERTs can be used to offload supplies from aircraft, but CERTs cannot help unless they are certified. DART's PowerPoint training has been added to the website for review, but you must go through the classroom and practical training before being "certified." More information will be coming from the DART class coordinator, Donna Stoffel.



DART Training 2024 pictures

Several Teams are asking professional psychologists to teach their teams about Disaster Psychology and how to deal with Post Incident Stress Disorder. We will be video recording one such presentation on November 2 and that video will also be posted on the CERT Training Page for follow-on team training.

The new 2025 Training Calendar will be out soon. We are looking to move training topics around so that if some of our members leave for the winter, they won't miss the same classes each year. Again, there will be 4 months that will be "Captain's Choice" for training. If the new calendar doesn't show the specific topics you want to train on, let your captain know so he/she can arrange for that training on those months. Also, remember there is a **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** for training. To remain consistent with CERT's training standards, any training not from the website Training Page, **MUST** be pre-approved. This includes the "Captain's Choice" training sessions. The SOP is on the Training webpage right under the Training Calendar.

The Training Committee AND YOUR DIVISION CHIEF can arrange for help at your team's training sessions. Just let us know.

Team Training Officers: Your captains can always use help. They have a lot of responsibility. We encourage teams to appoint a training officer who can take that duty off their captain's shoulders. Another way to help, ask members of the team to do the training for a specific month. Squad Leaders should be able to help with SAR training. Your Medical Support Squad Leader should be able to lead medical training. Make training a "team effort."



CERT /CRS Calendar

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CRS TRAINING	DATE	STATUS
Bon Jon View	06/29/24	Completed
E. Willow	07/27/24	Tentative
Willow Creek	08/10/24	Confirmed
CERT 12/Mains Farm	08/13/24	Confirmed
Available	8/17/24	Available
Oak St. East	08/24/24	Tentative
Emerald Highlands	08/31/24	Tentative
Sporseen/Happy Valley	09/28/24	Tentative
Safety Fair	10/05/24	Confirmed
Home Estates	10/19/24	Confirmed
Oak Tree	10/26/24	Confirmed
Cedar Ridge	10/30/24	Tentative

Oct. 1	CERT Team 2	10:00 - Noon	Nov. 2	CERT Team 11	10:00 - Noon	Dec. 3	CERT Team 2	10:00 - Noon
Oct. 2	CERT Capt's mtg	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Nov. 2	CERT Team 6	12:45 - 2:45	Dec. 4	CERT Capt's mtg	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Oct. 2	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Nov. 5	CERT Team 2	10:00 - Noon	Dec. 4	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct. 2	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Nov. 6	CERT Capt's mtg	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Dec. 4	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct. 3	CERT Team 5	2:00 - 5:00 PM	Nov. 6	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Dec. 5	CERT Team 5	2:00 - 5:00 PM
Oct. 3	CERT Team 4	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Nov. 6	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Dec. 7	CERT Class 3	7 AM - 5 PM
Oct. 4	Set Up for Safety Fair - Guy Cole		Nov. 7	CERT Team 5	2:00 - 5:00 PM	Dec. 7	CERT Team 11	10:00 - Noon
Oct. 5	2nd Annual Safety Fair. Guy Cole		Nov. 7	CERT Team 4	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Dec. 7	CERT Team 6	12:45 - 2:45
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Oct. 12	CERT Class 1	7 AM - 5 PM	Nov. 19	CERT Team 13	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Dec. 18	CERT Team 17	5:00 - 7:00 PM
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Oct. 16	CERT Team 17	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Nov. 21	CERT Team 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Dec. 20	Holiday Food Drive Probable Date	
Oct. 17	OPS Review	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Nov. 22	Holiday Food Drive Probable Date		Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday	
Oct. 17	CERT Team 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Holidays				
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Oct. 24	CERT Team 1	2:00 - 4:00 PM						
Oct. 24	CERT Team 16	6:00 - 7:30 PM						
Oct. 26	CERT Class 3	7 AM - 5 PM						

Stay tuned: There will be more to share in the next edition of the SOA/CERT Newsletter.