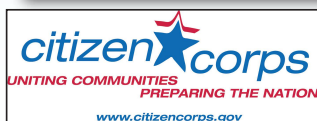




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From the Program Manager

Growth is happening for the Kitsap County CERT program!

When we first began training volunteers for this program four years ago, we did not yet have a clear vision for the direction that this program would go, nor did we anticipate that the volunteer roster for this program would grow so quickly. I am happy to say that after our last two training courses, the roster of volunteers for this program has grown to approximately 160 people, representing almost every community in Kitsap County.

For the last several months, I have been working on creating a plan for our CERT

program and for addressing its growing administrative needs, including the need for better communication. Part of that progress is this newsletter. Other areas of growth include evaluating and refining the function of the Kitsap CERT Steering Committee, which will now be known as the Kitsap CERT Advisory Committee, and the development of levels of participation in the program so that the program can offer ways to participate that work for all levels of interest. We have also changed the title of the "Area Team Leaders" to "Regional Coordinators" in order to avoid any possible confusion or assumptions about roles and expectations during an actual response.

This program still has many needs that we will continue to address. Among them are a lack of trained volunteers and regional coordinators in the north end of the county, the need to establish a more solid administrative structure and leadership functions for the program, the need to establish effective channels of communication, and the need to establish measurable goals and objectives that we will



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KCDEM Operations Coordinator
CERT Program Manager*

eventually use to evaluate the program.

I meet with the advisory committee monthly, and we will be using our time together to collaborate on the development and implementation of solutions for the growing needs of this program. We have a lot of ideas, and a lot to talk about. Of course, all CERT members are welcome to attend these meetings.

This edition of the newsletter will feature some of the fruits of our progress. If you have any questions about the CERT program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How does CERT get activated and/or mobilized?

The Kitsap County CERT Team can be activated or mobilized for “events” (things that are planned and have anticipated needs), or “incidents” (things that spontaneously happen, or are predictable but needs cannot be wholly anticipated). Events may be parades or other large, organized events. Incidents may be winter storms, natural disasters, or manmade disasters.

CERT members will be recruited for event mobilization via email.

CERT members will be activated for incidents by all available means, including email, text message, and autodial service. CERT members may also be activated through regional coordinators.

Where can I find information about refresher courses and additional training?

Training opportunities will be announced using email, the quarterly newsletter, and will be listed on the CERT web calendar at <http://www.kitsapdem.org/cert-calendar.aspx>. The most current class offerings will be on the web calendar. Many classes will require registration, but some will not. For the classes that require registration, visit <http://www.kitsapdem.org/classes.aspx> to sign up.

Who do I contact if I have a question or ideas for training?

You may either contact the CERT Program Manager, or contact your area team leader (see “Regional Coordinators Map” for more information).

How can I update my information?

Contact the CERT Program Manager.

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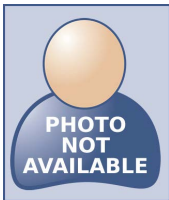


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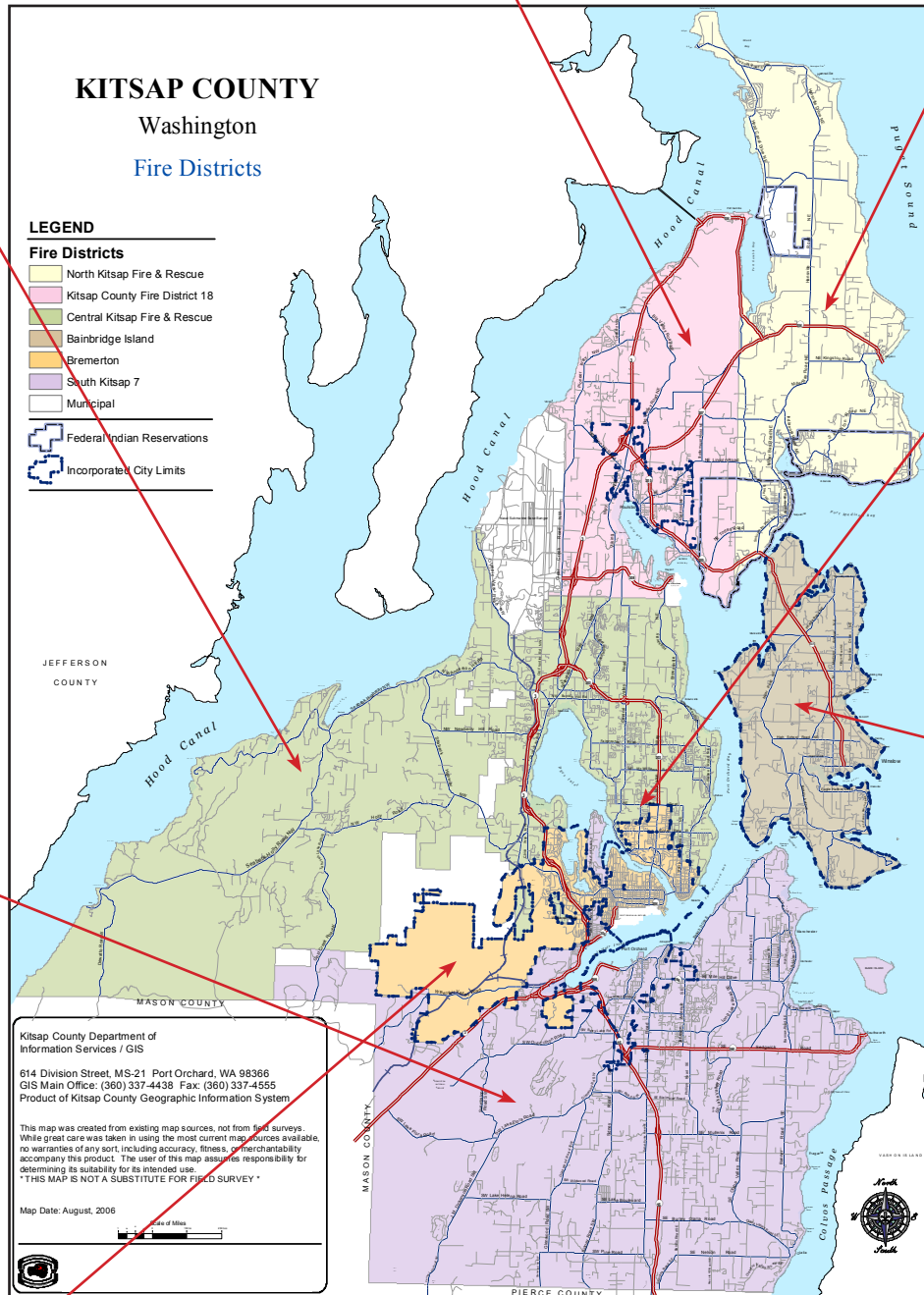
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Are you looking for an opportunity to learn more about emergency management and the Emergency Operations Center?

We are looking for three CERT volunteers to become part of the team that staffs the Operations Section during EOC activations, which can happen during incidents, events, and planned exercises. The Operations Section staff are the “doers” of coordinated emergency response, including fire, law, and public works.

What are the qualifications?

You must be available to respond to the EOC for activations, and be familiar with or willing to learn EOC operations and the Incident Command System (ICS). You have had an introduction to ICS with your CERT basic training.

What is the job?

You will be the CERT Liaison in the EOC, acting as the primary point of contact between CERT teams in the field, the Operations Section, and the EOC. Your role may be to maintain communication between CERT teams in the field and the EOC, direct CERT teams in the field from the EOC in collaboration with the rest of

the Operations section, and keeping detailed documentation about activated and deployed CERT teams and teams on standby.

We would like to have three volunteers for this position. Should response needs ever expand to where the EOC operates 24 hours a day, three volunteers mean that there can be a CERT liaison in the Operations Section for all shifts.

Interested? Questions?

Contact Jason McMillan at (360) 307-5877 or jmcmillan@co.kitsap.wa.us, or contact your area team coordinator.

Safety first.

**GOT STUFF?
DON'T USE IT?**

Be prepared.

CERT teams to use upon call out. If you have CERT related items that you want to get rid of, contact your Regional Coordinator or me,

Ken Hulet, (360) 895-2581, and we can help you with their disposal. We are also happy to accept donations of consumables, like first aid supplies, including expired or open supplies that can be used for training.



*Ken Hulet
South Kitsap
Regional
Coordinator*



Winter Storm Preparedness

- Understand the risk.
- Prepare your home.
- Prepare snow or debris removal equipment.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Pay attention to the warnings.

For more information about preparing your home for winter storms, please visit this [link](#).

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WHAT'S NEW



KCDEM

Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management

Welcome to our new membership structure!

We recognize that all members have different levels of interest in the Kitsap County CERT program. Until now, all members have been listed on a universal roster, with no way to distinguish who is interested in what kind of participation. As a result, we have developed "levels" of membership in the Kitsap County CERT program that are designed to accommodate all types of participation interest. Please take a look, and see what sort of participation you might be interested in. If you have any questions, please contact Jason McMillan, CERT Program Manager at (360) 307-5877 or jmcmillan@co.kitsap.wa.us, or contact your area team coordinator.

CERT Membership Level 1 Basic

- Everyone is eligible.
- Members will continue to receive updates about the CERT program and notifications about training opportunities through email from KCDEM.
- Members are not expected to respond to any call-outs or requests for assistance with parades, safety fairs, or other outreach events.
- Members are still expected to respond in their own neighborhoods following a disaster, but will not be asked to respond outside of their own neighborhoods.
- Members must maintain an active status* to stay on the notification list.
- Members must maintain current contact information with KCDEM.
- Members must sign a hold harmless agreement.

- Members may serve in non-emergency roles such as parades, safety fairs, presentations, etc.
- Members must attend at least one refresher or continuing education training during the calendar year.
- Members must submit a volunteer application and background check form to KCDEM.
- Members will be registered with KCDEM as an emergency worker, which requires a background check.
- Members must complete IS 100 and 200 within the first six (6) months of completing basic training.
- Members must maintain current contact information with KCDEM.

- There is no requirement to respond to any event, nor is there any entitlement to respond to any event. Respond if you are able.
- The IRT CERT team will be called out by the program manager.
- Incidences that may general a call out may include large fires, explosion scenes, non-violent crowd control, etc.
- Duties will be assigned by the on-scene incident commander.
- Members must meet all of the requirements of Auxiliary Members.
- Members must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- Members must be approved by the KCDEM Director, and/or the CERT Program Manager.
- Members must complete ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 700, and ICS 800 within the first three (3) months of appointment to the IRT CERT team.

CERT Membership Level 2 Auxiliary

- Members will be expected to serve in the immediate role of a neighborhood responder following a disaster or a major incident as defined in the CERT basic training course.
- Members may respond to team activation outside of their neighborhoods once their own neighborhoods are stable.

CERT Membership Level 3 Incident Response Team (IRT)

- Members will have all of the same duties and requirements as CERT Level 2 members. However, this team will provide more advanced support services to the community in a variety of situations.
- Members may be called out at any time of day or night.
- Members may not be selectively called out. Should IRT CERT members need to be activated, there will be one call out to the entire IRT CERT team.
- Members must maintain active status according to the guidelines.
- Members must attend two (2) IRT CERT trainings or meetings per year. These meetings are in addition to the basic refresher trainings.
- Members must abide by all local and national CERT guidelines, rules, and regulations.
- Members must abide by all pertinent county rules, laws, and regulations.

*Active or Inactive Status

Active membership is retained by attending at least one refresher training and participating in at least one refresher drill or exercise during the calendar year. The refresher drill or exercise need not be local. Exceptions to these requirements will be handled on a case by case basis.

Active membership status will be declined and the member will be moved to the inactive list if a CERT member does not complete the annual training and exercise requirement, a member moves out of Kitsap County, resigns from the program, or is dismissed for conduct unbecoming, conduct detrimental to the program, or for participating in illegal activities.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM**

FALL CERT CLASSES



This past fall, we trained and graduated two new CERT classes, one sponsored by the City of Bainbridge Island for its residents, and one for Kitsap County residents. We are very proud to have added several dozen new names to our roster of CERT trained residents, and we are thankful for the expanding range of neighborhoods that will benefit from having CERT trained personnel.

The Bainbridge Island CERT class graduated many new members. For their final exam, the new members practiced their skills in firefighting, search and rescue, and extrication at the Bainbridge Island Fire Department's fire station 23. The new members were equipped with backpacks and safety equipment provided by the City of Bainbridge Island.

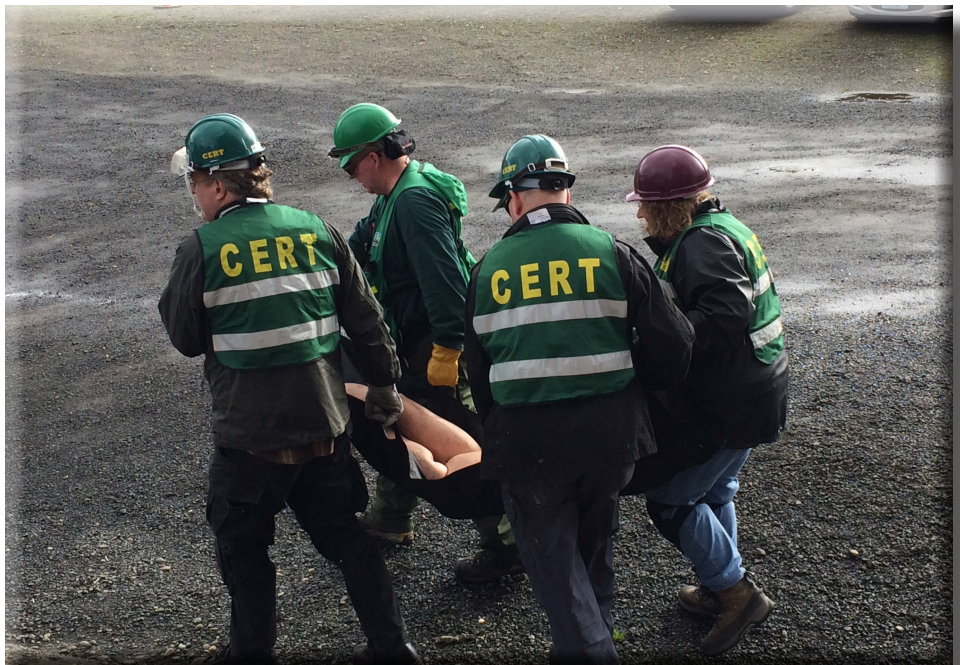
As Bainbridge Island moves forward with its CERT program, it will provide quarterly training to hone and preserve the skills learned during the initial training.

The Kitsap County classes were once again filled to capacity with a wait list. The graduating county class was also equipped with CERT backpacks, and the final exam was an earthquake scenario held at the Readiness Center training tower. New CERT members practiced their search and rescue skills, extraction, disaster medical, fire fighting, and cribbing.

Our next CERT class will begin on March 6, 2017 for Bainbridge Island, and May 1, 2017 for Kitsap County, so stay tuned for more details!



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OPERATION SCARECROW



Operation Scarecrow is our annual CERT refresher exercise for our entire county team, and is held at the Kitsap County Readiness Center. This year's exercise had to be rescheduled when a storm rolled in that was predicted to be very powerful, so many CERT members who had planned to join the drill were unfortunately not able to come and participate.

Every essential CERT skill was part of the exercise scenario. Earthquake survivors were extracted from a darkened building and their injuries were triaged, fires were extinguished, and cribbing skills were refreshed. Unlike previous trainings and exercises, CERT members challenged their cribbing skills by lifting a car from a victim instead of lifting a heavy filing cabinet.

Thank you to all CERT members who participated this year, including our exercise controllers and instructors. We look forward to future exercises to refresh our skills, and hope to see you throughout the next year!



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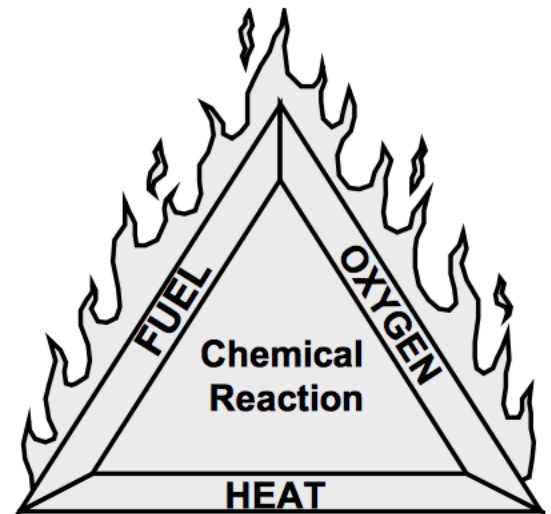
Fire Chemistry

The Fire Triangle

Fire requires three elements to exist:

- **Heat:** Heat is required to elevate the temperature of a material to its ignition point.
- **Fuel:** The fuel for a fire may be a solid, liquid, or gas. The type and quantity of the fuel will determine which method should be used to extinguish the fire.
- **Oxygen:** Most fires will burn vigorously in any atmosphere of at least 20 % oxygen. Without oxygen, most fuels could be heated until entirely vaporized, yet would not burn.

These three elements, called the fire triangle, create a chemical exothermic reaction, which is fire.



Classes of Fire

To aid in extinguishing fires, fires are categorized into classes based on the type of fuel that is burning:

- **Class A Fires:** Ordinary combustibles such as paper, cloth, wood, rubber, and many plastics
- **Class B Fires:** Flammable liquids (e.g., oils, gasoline) and combustible liquids (e.g., charcoal lighter fluid, kerosene). These fuels burn only at the surface because oxygen cannot penetrate the depth of the fluid. Only the vapor burns when ignited.
- **Class C Fires:** Energized electrical equipment (e.g., wiring, motors). When the electricity is turned off, the fire becomes a Class A fire.
- **Class D Fires:** Combustible metals (e.g., aluminum, magnesium, titanium)
- **Class K Fires:** Cooking oils (e.g., vegetable oils, animal oils, fats)

It is extremely important to identify the type of fuel feeding the fire in order to select the correct method and agent for extinguishing the fire.

Know Your Extinguishers

There are five (5) types of fire extinguishers:

- **A** (Remember "ASH") For ordinary solid materials, usually water, foam or dry chemicals. Removes oxygen and heat to break the chemical reaction.
- **B** (Remember "BOIL") For flammable liquids, usually foam, carbon dioxide, or foam dry chemical. Removes air to break the chain reaction.
- **C** (Remember "CIRCUIT") For electrical equipment, usually carbon dioxide or dry chemical. Removes air to break the chain reaction.
- **D** For combustible metals. Uses special agents to remove air.
- **K** (Remember "KITCHEN") For kitchen oils. Uses chemicals that are safe for food preparation areas. Removes air to break the chain reaction.

