



# The Beaverton CERT Newsletter



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## Mayday Exercise

It had all the elements of a great exercise....Accomplished a lot, learned a lot, had some fun and great food. We had 49 CERT members attend, 23 actors, several from Washington County Sheriff and Beaverton Police and several from Beaverton School District. We practiced the full school reunification process as a first shakeout of the plan. Sergeant Kevin MacDonald, BPD summed it up well, "This exercise was not a test or a validation. It was the first time for ALL participants to see what worked and what didn't. We accomplished ALL our goals."

A special shoutout to Kevin Cameron, Training Lead and Todd Rautenkranz and Todd DeBow for the excellent planning and execution, and to David Bennett, Mike Stump, Lyndon Moore, Christine Rautenkranz, and Gary Gross who supported the training team as controllers.

Photos Courtesy of Ric and June Stephens and their UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones)

View the photos [here](#)



# Picnics In the Park



This year we are again hosting a CERT booth at the Mayor's Picnics in the Park in June. Come spend a couple of hours with your neighbors telling them about emergency preparedness and recruiting for CERT.

Sign up on the online CERT calendar. Login at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/CERTM](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/CERTM) and select the calendar.

June 15th	Carolwood Park	Carolwood Dr & Carlsbad Dr	Blue & Teal Team Areas - still needs 3 volunteers
June 18th	Camile Park	Marjorie Ln & 102nd Ave	Red Team Area - still needs 3 volunteers
June 25th	Autumn Ridge Park	Fieldstone Dr & 172nd Pl	Green Team Area - still needs 2 volunteers
June 26th	Schiffler Park	Erickson Ave & 10th St	Volunteer positions filled, but feel free to come and visit!

All the materials will arrive on the truck from the city. Nothing to pick up or drop off. There is an inventory sheet in the box to note what was distributed to our neighbors. Please email [CERT.BeavertonOR@gmail.com](mailto:CERT.BeavertonOR@gmail.com) with an estimate of how many supplies were distributed so we can restock for the next picnic. Thank you!

*Please keep your eyes and inboxes open for information regarding the August Flicks at the Fountains and Beaverton Day Parade in September.*

## Map Your Neighborhood May 2015 Report by Judy Janowitz

Stan Houseman presented Emergency Preparedness to the board members of The Greens. They plan to have a program for their 275 units in the future.



We are continuing to contact condos and home associations with information on our three programs.

MYN, Take 5 and CERT information was delivered to two condo units representing 41 units.

Earthquake Preparedness was presented to 110 Meadow Park Middle School students this week.

# Are you ready for an Oregon earthquake?

*Here's a good way to find out*

May 11, 2015, Andy Giegerich, Portland Business Journal



The recent earthquake in Nepal has raised awareness of what might happen if Oregon experienced a mass quake. A system at Oregon Public Broadcasting's website offers a useful way to find out if you're ready for an earthquake. Users can type in their zip code on the website to determine how well they'd fare in the event of a 9.0 quake. (<http://www.opb.org/aftershock/>)

Those in downtown Portland, for instance, would be okay provided they're in a "new, seismically designed building." If not, the site points out that "brick buildings that haven't been reinforced are failing." Specifically, most structures built before the 1990s are "damaged but usable" while buildings constructed before the 1970s will be very damaged. Keep this in mind, though: Many bridges will be "damaged and impassable."

Mercy Corps continues to work with victims of the Nepal earthquake. The death toll from the quake has exceeded 8,000.

If you'd like to contribute a CERT or preparedness related article, product review, or have a question for our Emergency Management professionals, please email them to Rachael at [CERT.BeavertonOR@gmail.com](mailto:BeavertonOR@gmail.com) to be included in our next newsletter. Thanks!

We have been invited by the Portland NET St John's Training Team to join them for a class on Tying Knots. Pioneer Methodist Church (basementcome in side door) 7528 N Charleston Ave, Portland, OR 97203, Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fireman, Shon Christensen, from Fire Station 8 will be our trainer for the evening.

Please review the [Guide to Knots](#)

Shon has materials for us to practice so just come for a relaxing evening and enjoy learning!

[Sign up](#)

The St. Johns Training Team

## A Fire Season warning from Portland Bureau of Emergency Management



Last year when the weather began heating up, a PBEM staffer's neighbor was away from home when the dry grass in her backyard suddenly ignited. Fortunately, the quick acting PBEM staffer (Bob Maca) extinguished the fire with a garden hose and a stern glare before it grew out of control. But they live in a rural area, and things could have gone real south real fast. The attached file includes pictures of the aftermath.

The culprit? A decorative glass orb on a post holding up the back deck. The sun shone through it, focusing a light beam like a magnifying glass and it became the architect of mayhem. So as the sun comes out here in Oregon more often (you know, until autumn starts in a couple weeks) please be aware, and beware, of any decorative glass orbs you have in your possession.

For more information on Oregon Wildfires check out the [2015 Oregon Wildfires Fact Sheet](#)



*Only you can  
stop orb fires!*



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