



THE BEAVERTON CERT NEWSLETTER

BOND MEASURE PASSES FOR A NEW BEAVERTON PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER



Artist Rendering

On Tuesday, November 14th, the city announced that Ballot Measure 34-250 to build a new public safety center for police and emergency services has passed!

The bond measure will construct a public safety center on city-owned property at the corner of SW Hall Blvd and SW Allen Blvd. The 90,000 square foot building will be built to critical-facility standards to withstand a major earthquake, moves police facilities out of a flood zone, provides private areas for crime victims and minors, and will include an Emergency Operations Center with disaster-response equipment.

The location of the new building also allows for more efficient police and emergency response, and consolidates all police and emergency management services in one location.

A huge THANK YOU to all the CERTs who came out and volunteered their time to staff the public education booths through the summer and up to the election. Your help and dedication was certainly an integral part of the successful passage of this critical measure.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov.

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Prep on Tap!

Download the App

By Cathy Crandall

Weather alerts, pocket manual for disasters and how to get help. Yes, there's an app for that.

I ran across a list of emergency and disaster preparedness apps and from time to time I'll take a look at one of them, write up its features and how I liked it. The first is the "official" app from FEMA.

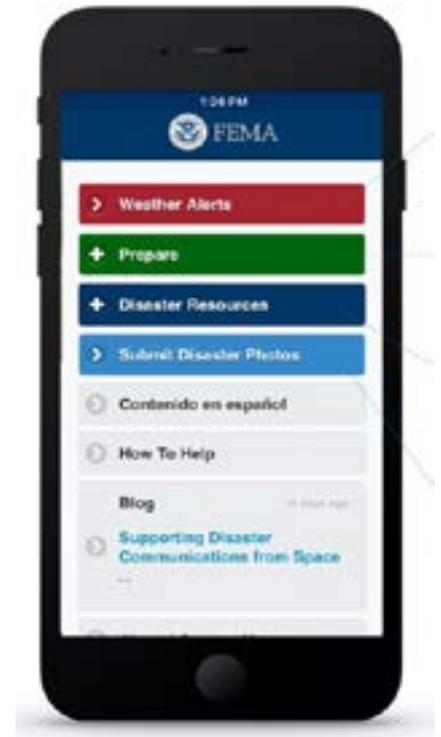
The features of this app include:

- Alerts from the National Weather Service: Choose up to five locations. In addition to home, I put in several locations where I have family members. I added my sister's location in Georgia in time to get alerts on Hurricane Hermine. Over the past two weeks, I have received two local alerts (for wind and dry conditions), cancellation of the alerts, and eight from other locations. Depending on your chosen locations, you might find the number of alerts annoying.
- A mini-preparedness manual: Lots of information on various hazards, including some I'd never thought about before (space weather?). Guidance for before, during, and after the disaster is included with a description of the hazard (so I could learn what space weather is).
- Disaster Reporter: For sharing photos of damage and recovery efforts. I wondered about this because it seems like there is potential for abuse, but the idea is to "crowd-source" local information quickly. The app indicates that submissions

are moderated.

- Disaster resources: Clickable contact information for FEMA. You can also get a list of open shelters and disaster recovery centers that will start your map app and give you directions.
- Apply for assistance: Easily access to DisasterAssistance.gov to apply for federal disaster assistance.
- Customizable emergency safety information: Create a custom list of the items in your family's emergency kit, as well as your family's emergency meeting place. Turn on alarms to remind you to test your smoke alarms, update your emergency kit, etc.
- Easy access to the FEMA blog and sign up for occasional tips by text: If you aren't overwhelmed by the information in the app itself, you can get even more information.

The app appears to function well: no crashes on my phone. It is available for free for both iPhones and Android. You can choose to display the text in Spanish. The big downside is the requirement for an internet connection (wifi or cellular) to get all the functions. It's likely that in a big disaster, the internet will not be available. On the other hand, the information that will be available is helpful and I'll be keeping this app on my phone.



Receive alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations.



Get safety reminders, read tips to survive natural disasters, and customize your emergency checklist.



Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person (or on the phone).



Upload and share your disaster photos to help first responders.

Movie Review: San Andreas

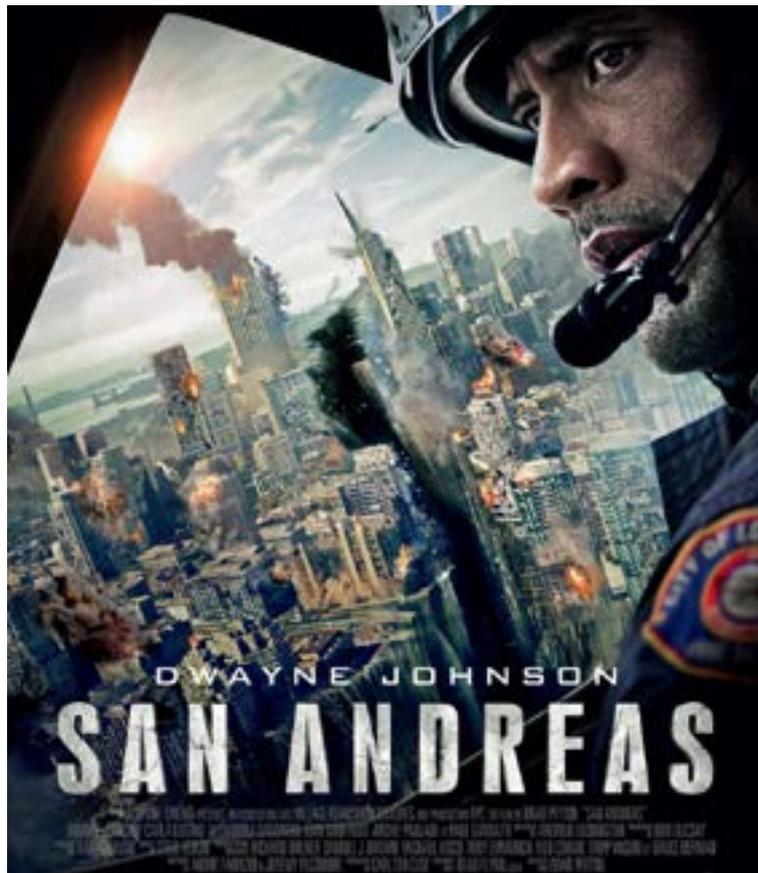
By Rachael Wright

So, I've recently become a bit of a Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson fan. Being also a Geology major and CERT member, I was kind of stoked when I found out he starred in a movie about a San Andreas earthquake.

Now, I do not recommend this as a preparedness movie. There are a few sage words of advice and some "Do not try these... ANYWHERE!" But, if you're looking for action, this movie has it, in abundance. Yes, its overdone at times. There are parts of the movie where you just wish the protagonists would get a break.

There was once buzzkill though. The romance. Don't get me wrong, I love a good love story, but don't throw it in the middle of my 'Fight for Your Life'-'Action-Til-You-Drop' movie.

I would recommend seeing it if action movies are your thing. Just wait til its on Netflix or available at the library.



Calendar

Sign up at beavertonoregon.gov/CERTM
Trouble logging in?
Contact David at dbennet@beavertonoregon.gov

CERT ID

Remember to always bring your CERT ID to all events and training, and too allow for access into the facility.

Also, always show your ID to the CERT at check-in.

Nov 15th & 16th - Disaster First Aid 6:00PM-9:00PM (Both Days) 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton - 1st Floor Conf Room

Nov 19th - Monthly Training - Helping People with Special Needs 0800-1200 3rd floor conference room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton

Nov 19th - Monthly Training - Helping People with Special Needs 6:00pm Beaverton Community Center (SW 5th and Hall)

Dec. 02 - Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00pm Beaverton Community Center (SW 5th and Hall)

Dec. 13 -- Roundtable 6:30pm-7:00pm 3rd floor conference room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton
No Sign up necessary. All CERT members welcome.

Holiday Potluck

Will be in conjunction with the Tree Lighting on December 2, 2016.

PREPAREDNESS QUICK TIP #48

You can disinfect water in a plastic water bottle by hanging a bottle that is about 3/4 full of water above a fire. As the water begins warming, begin gradually lowering the bottle until it is about 2" from the flame. The water will start to simmer and the plastic may begin to blister.

Boil for 1 minute, and allow to cool.

*excerpt from The Penny-Pinching Prepper
by Bernie Carr (The Apartment Prepper)*



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