

BEAVERTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS

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Welcome to the first Emergency Management Volunteer Newsletter for 2019! The purpose of this newsletter is to share information from, and of interest to, the CERT Group, Communications Group, and Emergency Management Program. The goal is to put out a monthly newsletter around the same time each month. To help us keep to this schedule, there will be fewer features and a simpler layout although each issue will still include a roster of CERT and Communications Leadership for reference purposes. If you have an article you'd like included in an upcoming issue, write it, proofread it, and send it to Ann at certsupport@beavertonoregon.gov.

Newly Elected CERT Officers. Elections were held in the Steering Committee meeting on March 6, 2019, for the positions of CERT Group Supervisor and Deputy Supervisors. All candidates ran unopposed and will serve a 2-year term. Results are:

CERT Group Supervisor – **Claudia Steiner-Fricker** (formerly Deputy Supervisor of Programs)
CERT Deputy Supervisor of Programs – **Susan Watterson** (formerly Yellow GeoTeam Lead)
CERT Deputy Supervisor of Support – **Ann Skaugset** (incumbent)

Statements from each officer and from outgoing CERT Group Supervisor Lyndon Moore can be found on a later page in this newsletter.

All CERTs are invited to attend the next CERT Steering Committee (SC) Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Emergency Management Office. The SC advises the CERT Executive Committee (EC; Group Supervisor and Deputy Supervisors) and votes on procedure- and policy-related motions besides electing members of the EC. *Please note that the SC meeting no longer precedes the Roundtable meeting on second Tuesdays; instead it is a stand-alone meeting on the first Wednesday of each month except December.*

The SC reviewed and approved a new version of the CERT Bylaws and also elected officers in the February and March meetings. Beginning in April, topics may include reviews of CERT boundaries, the Disciplinary Policy, Plans/Goals for the rest of 2019, and Participation Rewards/Incentives. Please come join the discussion and observe the decision-making process!

Call for new CERT to join Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is composed of the Executive Committee, Unit Leads, GeoTeam Leads, and Specialists. In addition, the new version of the CERT Bylaws (more later) requires a calculated number of CERTs from the general population to serve as voting members on the Steering Committee with the additional requirement that *one of these must be a graduate from the last two CERT Basic Training Classes.*

Our representative members for 2019 so far are Darlyne O'Dell and Cynthia Palmrose. We are now searching for a recent graduate. Here are the qualifications:

- Have graduated from a BTR class in 2018
- Live or work inside the Beaverton School District
- Commit to attending a majority of the remaining SC meetings (Apr-Nov)

If you qualify and want to apply, send a brief statement saying why you would be a good fit for the SC and what *you* want to get out of participating. The EC will appoint a member in time for May's SC meeting.

This is an easy gig and you learn a lot. It's a perfect opportunity to gather information to help decide which areas of BCERT interest you (a pathway many in BCERT Leadership followed). There is no obligation to do anything except attend SC meetings. For questions and to submit applications send email to Susan at certprograms@beavertonoregon.gov

New Version of BCERT Bylaws. The first version of BCERT Bylaws was approved in 2007 and the structure and size of the BCERT organization has changed a lot since then. You can read the newest version of the Bylaws on the BCERT website (Information → CERT Administration → Bylaws).

These seven pages are the result of several months of research, writing, gathering input, getting feedback, and so many edits. It reflects input from the Executive Committee, Emergency Manager, and over 20 BCERTs that regularly attend Steering Committee meetings. David Bennett even shared his insight and comments from Australia. Feel free to ask questions about wording or content by sending an email to Ann, certsupport@beaverton.oregon.gov

Statements from Past and Present BCERT Officers.

Lyndon Moore, Outgoing BCERT Group Supervisor

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served you all for over 6 years as Beaverton CERT leadership. Two terms as vice chair of the steering committee and a term as the group supervisor under our new ICS org structure. In this recent steering committee election I decided not to seek another term as group supervisor. It was not an easy decision but I felt it was the right decision and let the new generation I've helped train take the helm. This year I intend to work on my own career to transition from software development into professional public safety. I made it a priority last year while I was unemployed to do everything possible to remain in Beaverton so I could find new work that would allow me to stay in our community. I am not leaving our organization, just changing hats that will allow me to achieve my life goals while I continue to support Beaverton CERT. I look forward to 2019 and all the exciting things we have planned.

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Claudia Steiner-Fricker, BCERT Group Supervisor

Since the spring of 2015 my CERT journey has taken me from the Map Your Neighborhood Coordinator, to Outreach Coordinator, to Deputy Supervisor of Programs, and now to Group Supervisor. Needless to say retirement ended the day I graduated CERT! Along the way I have met and worked with some of the most passionate and dedicated people in all my years of volunteer service.

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve Beaverton CERT and I hope you will join me to do the greatest good here, so we may do the greatest good for our families, neighbors, and community when the time comes.

Contact me anytime and let's see how we can make this happen together.

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Susan Watterson, BCERT Deputy Supervisor of Programs

Hey, it's Susan Watterson, your new Deputy Supervisor of Programs. Besides my daily commitments (Administrative Director at OHSU, along with a member of the WC Emergency Operations Committee, and Team Captain of OHSU CYCLES) in my spare time I am a CERT member. As an Oct. 2016 graduate, my first event that I participated in was the Steering Committee. I wanted to really know what the organization was about and this helped me determine how active I wanted to be and where I could activate my desire to be of service, participate and lead. I attended the monthly steering committee meetings and signed up for all the community events (Mayday, Night Market, Picnic in the Parks, Sun Run, etc.) Finally 7 months later, May of 2017 I was appointed as the GeoTeam Yellow lead!! Being a team lead was very rewarding for me: getting to know other CERTS in my neighborhood, monthly meetings, and then two active events in 2018 -- Map YOUR CERT, and the very first GeoTeam to plan, conduct, evaluate a full scale exercise at our meet-up sites. I still feel like there is so much to do to strengthen the programs and very grateful to now be at this level to help take feedback to the executive committee to deepen the Beaverton CERT programs (Training, Medical, GeoTeam, MYN) and get us to a practical, prepared and trained operational response place.

It's a privilege and honor to be in this position and I ask for your HELP! I can't do this on my own, it's OUR program. Help me build it! I will have listening sessions and hope you join, then I need boots on the ground, hands to write it up, and people to participate...that's how we can truly grow this program. Email me at certprograms@beavertonoregon.gov and let me know you're in!

Best,
Susan Watterson
Deputy Supervisor CERT Programs

Ann Skaugset, BCERT Deputy Supervisor of Support

This is my second term in office as the Deputy Supervisor of Support. BCERT Support contains the Membership Services, Logistics, and Documentation Units and we are also responsible for the administration of the twice-yearly CERT Basic Training Class (how we get new CERTs) and for the care, feeding, and expansion of the Emergency Management Volunteer database.

Personally, I'm in my first year in my dream job as Principal's Secretary at Beaverton High School even though I have never worked as a secretary before. I am pleased that many skills I learned through volunteering with BCERT are useful in a high school office setting, such as staying calm, using a radio, staying calm, and making situation reports while staying calm. On the other hand, I'm starting from scratch learning how to format business letters, send certified mail, and replace film on the laminator.

In the last BCERT Saturday training on Leadership, I discovered my everyday leadership style is Participative in that I like to include others in decision-making. That finding reinforces for me why I enjoyed so much the last several months of writing, editing, and working with the Executive Committee, Emergency Manager, and the Steering Committee to get the new BCERT Bylaws approved.

What is on my plate right now? A reboot for Logistics in the wake of the Communications Group forming, an examination of Documentation to see what's really needed, and a major expansion of the volunteer database involving multiple stakeholders to accommodate more than one group (right now it's CERT-centric). Plus all of the meaty topics coming up in Steering Committee. I hope to see you all at events, trainings, and SC meetings. This will be a very exciting year!

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Need for Empty Prescription Pill Bottles. This year's Mayday exercise involves setting up a POD (Point of Distribution) for mass distribution of medication during a health threat. We are in need of empty prescription pill bottles. You can remove the labels or we can take them off for you. Please bring **empty** bottles to the Emergency Management Office or hand them off to a member of Leadership to bring on one of their frequent visits. Thank you!

New Security Measures at the Griffith Building and EMO. There is now a manned security checkpoint with x-ray machines for bodies and belongings in the front lobby of the Griffith Building. Everyone entering the building from the front is required to go through the checkpoint. If you are come to the building, please allow extra time for the checkpoint.

BCERT Leadership with electronic badges are encouraged to use the back parking lot and doors to ease congestion up front. Sometimes we are asked to have our CERTs use the back lot and doors for trainings or meetings when a large number of people are expected to arrive at once. **Look for that in announcements of events** and, if so instructed, park in back and come to the back doors where we will have someone stationed to let you in.

New Security Measures at the Emergency Management Office. Due to the marked increase in foot traffic on the third floor of the Griffith Building, there is a new security system for the EMO door. It's an intercom system with a camera that lets staff inside the office view and speak with those requesting access. For BCERT Leadership, electronic badges work the same as before.

FREE ONLINE ICS TRAINING COURSES FROM FEMA

The Incident Command System (ICS) is an integral part of CERT functioning during an emergency. Understanding ICS structure and operation is, therefore, an important part of CERT training. New Beaverton CERTs are required during training to complete ICS 100, ICS 200 and IS 700. For those CERTs who graduated before this requirement, we strongly encourage you to take these three free online courses from FEMA.

You're able to go to the links on the right to get to the corresponding ICS course. Once there, click the link on the right-hand side of the page in the box with the name "TAKE THIS COURSE" that says "Interactive Web Based Course". Once you're done with the training, you can study more or take the final exam. To take the final exam, you'll need to go to this link <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid> and register with FEMA to get a "Student ID" or SID. This will allow you to get a certificate of completion for each individual online course you take once you've passed the course's test. When you're ready to take the test, go to the box on the right-hand side of the page that says "TAKE FINAL EXAM" and click on "Take Final Exam Online".

[ICS 100– Introduction to Incident Command System](#)

[ICS 200.b- ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)

[IS 700.A- National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) An Introduction](#)

**KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE
UPCOMING EVENTS AND
LEADERSHIP ROSTERS FOR
CERT AND COMMS**

UPCOMING CERT EVENTS

Monthly Roundtable	Apr 9 7:00 - 8:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Wilderness First Aid w/Harold Crawford 1 of 2	April 13 9:00am-5:30pm	Cherry Lane Fire Station, Hillsboro
Wilderness First Aid w/Harold Crawford 2 of 2	April 27 9:00am-5:30pm	Cherry Lane Fire Station, Hillsboro
Monthly Steering Committee Meeting	May 1 6:30-7:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
2019 Mayday Training/Exercise– POD	May 4 9:00am-3:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Monthly Roundtable	May 9 7:00-8:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class	May 11 8:00am-2:30pm	Griffith Building, First floor training room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Wilderness First Aid w/Mike Stump 1 of 2	May 18 8:30am-5:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Wilderness First Aid w/Mike Stump 2 of 2	May 19 8:30am-5:30pm	3rd floor EM Training Room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005

For more upcoming events in 2018, please log on to the CERT website at:
<https://apps.beavertonoregon.gov/secure/eocvolunteers/login.aspx>



BEAVERTON COMMUNICATIONS GROUP hosts a weekly, Monday night (8pm) net on our 70cm repeater WB7CRT. The frequency is 444.750 MHz with a positive offset and tone of 123.0 Hz.

UPCOMING COMMS EVENTS

Ham Technician's License Class 1 of 4	April 27 1:00-4:00pm	3rd floor, Room 340 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Ham Technician's License Class 2 of 4	May 4 1:00-4:00pm	3rd floor, Room 340 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Ham Technician's License Class 3 of 4	May 11 1:00-4:00pm	3rd floor, Room 330 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Ham Technician's License Class 4 of 4	May 18 1:00-4:00pm	3rd floor, Room 330 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LEADERSHIP ROSTER

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CERT GROUP LEADERSHIP ROSTER

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