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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

CERT Latah County 2022 CALENDAR

March 2nd – CERT Curriculum *Unit 2: CERT Organization* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

April 6th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations – Part 1* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

April 20th – Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

May 4th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations – Part 2* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

June 8th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 5: Disaster Psychology* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds GRANGE Room

June 29th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

July 20th – Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds GRANGE Room

August 3rd – CERT Curriculum *Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

September 7th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT* at 6:30 pm at County Building (522 S. Adams) – Basement Conference Room

October 5th – CERT Curriculum *Unit 9: Course Review, Final Exam and Disaster Simulation (TBD)* at 6:30 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom

October 19th – Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Latah County Fairgrounds Classroom



2. Action Plan



What disasters can affect you? Communities throughout the Pacific Northwest are subject to many types of disasters. While we hope that such occurrences never happen, it has been shown time and time again that being prepared for disasters is wise. Now is the time to do some research either online or by attending a preparedness fair or presentation hosted by your local jurisdiction or community group to learn about your local hazards.



Create a Disaster Plan

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to be prepared for disasters. Plan to share the responsibilities and work together as a team.

Develop a family/household communication and reunification plan so that you can maintain contact and take the best actions for each of you to re-unite if you are separated.

Discuss the types of disasters that are likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case. Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Pick two places to meet:

- Right outside your home in case of fire.
- Outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.

Everyone must know the address and phone number.

Put your Plan into Action

Teach children how and when to call 911. Show them how your cell phone works.

Post emergency telephone numbers in a visible location.

Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches.

Other tips:

- Check for adequate insurance coverage.
- Install an ABC fire extinguisher in your home. Teach each family member to use it and where it is kept.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of your home, in appropriate areas.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble disaster supply kits.
- Take a First Aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Find a safe spot in your home for each type of disaster.

A full copy of the *Prepare in a Year* document can be found at www.disasterreadywashington.com

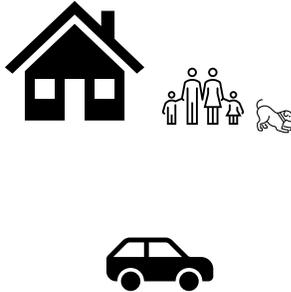
SAFEGUARD CRITICAL DOCUMENTS AND VALUABLES

When disaster strikes, your immediate concern will be your safety and the safety of those you care about. Once the immediate danger passes and during life's many ups and downs, having your financial and medical records and important contact information will be crucial to help you start the recovery process quickly. Taking time now to safeguard these critical documents will give you peace of mind, ensure you have access to essential medical and prescription information, and help you avoid additional stress during tough times and following a disaster.

Also, take time to think about the priceless personal items you would want to protect from damage or take with you. Take an inventory of your household documents, contacts, and valuables. Two documents have checklists that you can use as you complete your inventory and provide detailed information on how you can strengthen your financial preparedness for disasters and emergencies. The first document with a three page checklist can be found at [Safeguard Critical Documents and Valuables \(ready.gov\)](#) while the more comprehensive planning guide, *Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)* can be found at [EFFAK Toolkit \(fema.gov\)](#). Both documents are attached to the newsletter email and are located on our website www.latahcert.us under the Resources tab.

HOUSEHOLD

IDENTIFICATION: Think about the documents you would need to identify yourself and your household members, including children and pets, your relationships, or status. These may include: vital records (birth, marriage, divorce certificate, adoption, child custody), passport, driver's license, Social Security card, green card, military service ID, pet ownership papers, etc.



FINANCIAL AND LEGAL DOCUMENTATION:

If your home or income is impacted by a disaster, you will need documentation to request assistance from insurance providers and from government disaster assistance programs. What documents do you need for housing, vehicles, other financial obligations, insurance policies, sources of income, tax statements, and estate planning?



MEDICAL INFORMATION:

You will need documentation of insurance, medications, immunizations, allergies, needed medical equipment, and devices as well as living wills, medical power of attorneys and other personal medical information.

EMERGENCY OR HOTLINE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HOUSEHOLD:

This list would include employers, schools, houses of worship, social service providers, homeowners' associations, and home repair services.



VALUABLES AND PRICELESS PERSONAL ITEMS:

What is important to you? Priceless personal mementos, family photos, and keepsakes and possessions with monetary value, including jewelry, art, and collectibles.



PROTECT YOUR DOCUMENTS AND VALUABLES:

Consider storing paper copies of important documents at home in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe, in a bank safe deposit box, or with a trusted friend or relative. Store electronic copies of important documents in a password-protected format on a removable flash or external drive in your fireproof and waterproof box or safe or consider using a secure cloud-based service. Think about where you store valuable belongings and ways to better protect these items.