

Reunification Team

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Reports to: Emergency Management Program Manager

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“Events may occur at school that requires parents to pick up their students in a controlled release. The process of controlled release is called a **reunification** and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, a hazmat issue, or if a crisis occurs at the school.” (<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/pubsafety/Pages/Standard-Reunification-Method.aspx>)

Student/Parent Reunification is a protocol that makes this process more predictable and less chaotic for all involved. Beaverton CERT is a community partner assisting the Beaverton School District in the implementation of the Standard Reunification Method (iluvaguys.org). Other collaborators include the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Beaverton Police Department, and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

Reunification Team members should:

- plan to participate in school reunification activations, exercises, trainings and informational meetings. There is no requirement to participate in a minimum number of activities.
- plan to respond within one hour, or as soon as possible, to an activation.
- plan to take the training for Reunification Team members that consists of the courses listed for CERT Advanced Training (p. 7) and the following:
 - **Reunification Best Practices and Skills.** An overview of the major elements and flow for school reunification using the Standard Reunification Protocol; requires attending a Reunification exercise.
 - **Psychological First Aid.** A Red Cross course for interacting with groups of people that have been involved in a traumatic experience.
 - **Basic Tactical Radio.** Basic VHF radio operation and tactical communication instruction.
 - **Crowd Management.** Basic non-confrontational crowd engagement and direction; not crowd control or enforcement.