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# The Beaverton CERT Newsletter



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Beaverton CERT Newsletter

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## Chairman's Corner

### Happy New Year!

Beaverton CERT has a great 2015 and is looking to an even better 2016. We have several projects starting to help get us as individuals and as an organization to be better prepared to respond to an event.

We are starting a member audit to help our members decide their level of CERT participation and how to be best prepared for what they want to do. Please review the articles covering Participation levels and Advanced training and respond to us your thoughts.

On February 12th we have our annual recognition banquet to celebrate the achievements of CERT members, have fellowship together and to talk about what's coming for CERT in 2016. Please make the effort to attend and recognize your fellow CERT members. You'll also receive a worthwhile item.

As you read through the newsletter you will find a lot going on that you can choose how you want to participate. Let us know your thoughts on how to better serve you, your neighborhood and our community.

See you on the 12th!!

David Bennett

## CERT Member Audit

With over a thousand CERT graduates, we recognize that no one person can participate in all the activities and training. We are at different stages in our lives and Beaverton CERT is working on ways to best serve you, the member.

We have identified several activity participation levels and the recommended basic and advanced training for each level of participation. Please review the articles on participation and training and then let us know your desired participation level.

Ham Radio operators, your opportunity to choose will come later in the year.

Please respond to [CERT@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:CERT@BeavertonOregon.gov) with your selected participation level and any Specialty teams in which you are interested. We are auditing ALL Active and Reserve members and will follow up with texts, phone calls and letters as needed.

We offer an incentive to you busy people.

When you respond, we'll stop asking.

## Activation Texts and Emails

We are now fully utilizing the Code Red software to notify and activate our Active and Reserve. You should have received multiple texts and emails notifying you of either a Code Red test or severe weather activation.

If you responded to the test messages then you need not reply further. But if you didn't respond or didn't receive BOTH multiple texts and emails, please notify us by replying to [CERT@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:CERT@BeavertonOregon.gov).

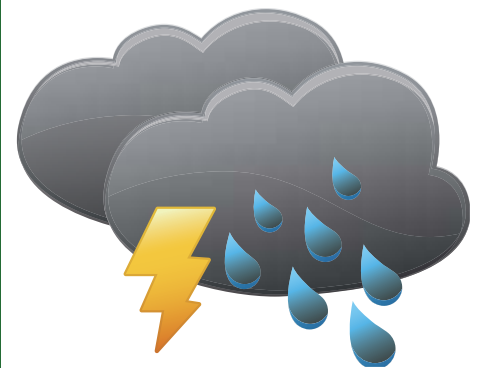
In general Code Red is working well but we need to know if we are catching everyone.

## Reunification Status

To the members of the Reunification team and those that wish to join them, things have been VERY quiet the last few months. Plans are proceeding with the school district and more training and exercises are being planned.

This month members of the Reunification Team (new and old) will be mailed more information on the plans for 2016.

Want to know more????  
Sign up!



### Severe Weather Activation

December was the wettest end of the year on record. We had activations for sandbagging and ride-alongs with the Public Works crew.

A special thank you to those of you who responded, on short notice, and made a difference to your community.

# Upcoming Training

Our training team is filling the calendar with important training topics.

**Saturday, Jan. 16th – Basic Tactical Radio - Lyndon Moore - How it works, what to say.**

This training class is recommended for all CERT volunteers; especially volunteers who participate at special events. No prior radio knowledge, experience, or special license is required. Students will be orientated to our city's radio equipment and talking "on-the-air" during this training.

During this training the students will learn:

1. How to operate city radio equipment assigned to CERT volunteers at special events & emergencies.
2. How to talk on the radio within a structured NET and tactically between team members.
3. How to keep messages clear, short, and sweet to convey important information efficiently.
4. How to be mindful of one's surroundings when using the radios in public or stressful situations
5. Limitations of our radio equipment and maximizing signal when in the field.
6. Ways to continue practicing at home with or without radio equipment.

**NOTE: Location on the event sign-up has changed to Griffith Dr in the first floor conference room. 9AM to Noon.**

Beavertons Griffith Drive Facility, 1st floor conf room 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, OR 97076

## Text to 911

Text to 911 is coming to Portland in about six months. Read the article here:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/01/text\\_911\\_coming\\_to\\_portland\\_me.html#incart\\_river\\_home](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/01/text_911_coming_to_portland_me.html#incart_river_home) [http://www.oregonlive.com/clark-county/index.ssf/2015/12/tornado\\_tears\\_through\\_battle\\_g.html#incart\\_gallery](http://www.oregonlive.com/clark-county/index.ssf/2015/12/tornado_tears_through_battle_g.html#incart_gallery)



**Saturday, Feb. 13th**

**Psychological First Aid –  
Carol Gross**

What to look for, what to say (and not)

*More info coming soon.....*



**Saturday, Mar. 19th**  
**Crowd Management – BPD**

How to calm, how to inform, when to escalate

# Mayor’s State of the City Address

Firstly, thank you for your support of Beaverton CERT!

## So What’s Going On?

Beaverton CERT will be helping out at the Mayor’s annual state of the city address by being a presence at the entrance, exits, and roaming the campus parking areas during the event. Beaverton Police will be present and we are an extra set of eyes & ears. Similar to Flicks at the Fountain, we’ll be working in teams of 2 and using the city radios to communicate back to command.

The actual program starts about 6:30PM and is about an hour long. The event is contained within the big auditorium building on the ACMA campus. CERT volunteers working the event will also have a chance to go inside and listen in. We would like to have some teams out in the parking area while the event is underway and we’ll rotate around campus. We will have the First Aid bag and AED in the Ford Escape. The city staff will also have a first aid station inside with an AED under a reception table.

We are here for a safety support role during this event, we are not parking attendants.

The When:	The Where:	What to Bring:
<p>Please arrive around 5 PM, we will start setting up shortly after and do a safety briefing by 5:30.</p> <p>The city event planners will be prepared to accept volunteers arriving starting at 5 PM. We will have our own CERT sign-in sheet.</p> <p>Lyndon will grab the Ford Escape and will be leaving Griffith building about 4:45 and bring portable radios, first aid gear, maps, and sign-in sheet.</p>	<p>Beaverton School District ACMA</p> <p>11375 SW Center St, Beaverton, OR 97005</p> <p><b>Where we can we park:</b></p> <p>The ACMA Center has two parking lots but they are not connected. See the map attached for a bird’s eye view of the campus.</p> <p>In the event of parking overflow, CERTs may be able to park in the church parking lot next door off SW 113th but it will have to be in the back of the church lot as they already have a church event at the same time and we want to be good neighbors.</p>	<p>Beaverton CERT Id Card</p> <p>Beaverton CERT Vest</p> <p>Dress to be both outside and inside...they might have TV cameras too.</p> <p>Highly recommend to bring a flashlight – the parking lots have some light but it they have some dark corners and spots.</p> <p>Optional: If you have a 2.5mm ear-piece for the radio from a past event, bring that too. Rachael will have some spares that you can keep.</p>

*Beaverton Volunteers  
Appreciation Night*



*Friday, February 12th  
6pm to 8pm*

Please note that this is a new date. The event will be held at the Griffith Drive Facility (formerly City Hall) 4755 SW Griffith Drive. More details will be sent out shortly. We hope to see you all there!

## Police Body-Worn Cameras

The Beaverton Police Department has received a grant for a body-worn camera pilot program. They want community input and have made a special invitation to CERT members to be informed and provide input.

Thurs., Jan. 21st, 5-7PM  
Griffith Bldg.

No CERT gear is required. Just come and find out what's happening.

## Steering Committee Meeting Location Has Changed

We're moving to the Griffith Building. Starting in January we will have the Steering Committee meeting on the third floor of the Griffith Building at the Emergency Management Offices.

Still the second Tuesday from 6:30-8 PM.

**All CERT members welcome.**

## MYN, CERT & Take 5 to Survive Program Outreach

**Map Your Neighborhood is now on social media!**

We now have our own Facebook page and a private Facebook group page for captains! And we have a Twitter handle to boot!

The page is public so anyone, anywhere can view it. Not only will we be reaching residents of Beaverton, but others as well can learn a thing or two about the program and what it means to work with your neighbors in preparing for any type of disaster.

This is all part of the **Connect, Engage & Support Campaign** for our MYN captains.

The private Facebook group will allow captains to do just that! Here they can share experiences, ask questions, and access a host of helpful files for download.

CERTS are welcome to join the group and offer input and support to the captains.

**LIKE, SHARE & FOLLOW!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/myncaptain>

<https://www.facebook.com/mynbeaverton>

@MYNBeaverton

### Coming Up!

Watch the calendar for the first Outreach Program planning meeting coming soon. We will establish our focus areas for 2016, and get started on an action plan. CERT, MYN and Take 5 will each have specific focus areas for outreach in the community. If you are interested in this opportunity to help plan for 2016, sign up on the calendar.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Claudia Steiner-Fricker

## Office Volunteers

We have two CERT volunteers who have recently signed up to go the extra mile and help out with office help and organizational planning. Ann Skaugset and Ann Wong are both spending time in the office on a variety of projects short and long. Welcome and thank you!

If you have some time and an interest in helping, let us know. We have a wide variety of projects to help build Beaverton CERT and Beaverton Emergency Management

## Share from our friends at Portland NET

Ham Technician Licensing and Classes  
Updated 15Dec2015 John K7TY k7ty@arrl.net

### Online Practice Exams and Study Material

There is a Technician 425 question pool. The exam is 35 questions from the pool. A passing grade is 26 correct answers.

<a href="#">ARRL Exam Online</a> - Free Links questions to Technician License Manual.	<a href="#">Ham Test Online</a> - \$25 for 2-year subscription. Test questions linked to explanatory material.
<a href="#">The Ham Whisperer</a> - Free Short video pieces on each exam section.	<a href="#">NC4FB Self-Study Guide</a> - Free <a href="http://www.nc4fb.org/wordpress/">http://www.nc4fb.org/wordpress/</a>
<a href="#">eHam</a> Practice Exams - Free	<a href="#">QRZ.com</a> Practice Exams - Free

### In-person Tech 2016 Classes

<a href="#">Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC (QTVARC)</a> Jan 16, 23 and 30, 2016 All 1pm-4:45pm. TVFR Sta. #67 on Farmington Rd in Beaverton.	<a href="#">Hoodview ARC</a> TBD Full day Saturdays 8:30am-4pm. Exam on last day. Mt Hood Community College Fisheries Building.
<a href="#">Clark County ARC</a> Feb 12, 13 and 20, 2016 Oct 28, 29 and Nov 5, 2016 Fridays from 7-9pm and Saturdays from 9am-1pm (exam at 11am) Orchards LDS 7101 NE 166th Ave, Vancouver, WA	<a href="#">Clark County ARC</a> (Ladies only class) Mar 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 2016 Oct 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 2016 Thursday/Friday 7-9pm. Saturday 9am-1pm. Held at "40 et 8" at 7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver, WA (just east of the Bingo Parlor)
<a href="#">Cascade ARC</a> Jan 22 (6:30-9:30pm), 23 (8am-1pm) exam (2pm) LDS Church, 2700 Leon Dr, Forest Grove 97116	Providence Medical ( <a href="mailto:eric.kosko@providence.org">eric.kosko@providence.org</a> ) Mar 11 (5:30-9pm), Mar 12 (9am-4pm) exam after Providence 9205 SW Barnes Rd, PDX 97225

### Testing Sessions

<a href="#">Hoodview ARC</a> 3rd Saturday of odd months, 9am doors close Mt. Hood Community College Horticulture Fisheries Building Room HF1 26000 SE Stark St., Gresham, OR 97060	<a href="#">Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC</a> 1st Saturday (except June), 1pm Ronler Acres Fire Station 4455 NW 229th Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124
<a href="#">Phantoms ARG</a> 7pm 1st Sunday every month Round Table Pizza Parlor 10389 82nd Avenue & King Rd Milwaukie OR 97222 1 Mi S of Johnson Creek Road By Office Max	<a href="#">Cascade ARC</a> Jan 23 (2pm) LDS Church, 2700 Leon Dr, Forest Grove 97116



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