



September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) and this year's theme is, "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can". NPM is a yearly event of the national public service campaign, "Ready.gov". The goal is to promote preparedness by educating the American public so they can prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies.

Each week of the month has its own theme of involvement. There are goals and suggestions on the NPM website as well as links for information on how to achieve them.

Week 1: September 1-9

Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends

- [Make an Emergency Plan.](#)
- Sign up for [alerts and warnings](#) in your area.
- Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan.
- Check your [insurance](#) coverage and review the [Document and Insure Property guide](#).
- Plan financially for the possibility of disaster.

Week 2: September 10-16

Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community

- Learn skills you need to help yourself and others until help can arrive.
- Take [Until Help Arrives](#) training.
- [Check on your neighbors.](#)
- Talk with your Power Company about [utility safety](#).
- On National Preparedathon Day, Friday, September, 15, hold an event.

Week 3: September 17-23

Practice and Build Out Your Plans

- Complete an [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#)
- Maintain emergency savings for use in case of an emergency
- Participate in an emergency drill
- Know how to access community resources (e.g., shelters, food banks)

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Week 4: September 24-30
Get Involved! Be a Part of
Something Larger

- Get your [campus](#), [business](#), [faith-based organization](#) and community organization prepared for an emergency
- Join [Weather Ready Nation](#)
- Sign up for [Ready Business Workshop](#)



OREGON'S #14GALLON CHALLENGE

Perfect for National Preparedness Month, Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) has launched a #14Gallon Challenge for Oregon. Recognizing the need to prepare for the looming Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and our body's vital need for water during emergencies, this is an effort to emphasize the need for storing water prior to a disaster. On their [website](#), they have oodles of answers to water storage questions. This is how to participate in the challenge:



- 1) Obtain 14 gallons of water.
- 2) Take a creative photo with it.
- 3) Post your photo online (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) with the hashtag #14gallons, and challenge three of your friends to do the same.

If you already have your emergency water stored, take a creative photo with it and then do step three.

Do I or Don't I?

A look at the Good Samaritan Law in Oregon

By Cathy Crandall

Walking down the sidewalk one day, you see a person who appears to be in physical distress. As you get closer, the person collapses and seems to have stopped breathing. You want to help, but you have heard stories about people getting sued if something goes wrong. What do you do?

Most states have enacted a version of a "Good Samaritan" law. These laws protect those who come to the aid of another in an emergency. The protection offered is intended to reduce the hesitation to help - to alleviate fear of being sued.

ORS 30.800 is Oregon's "Good Samaritan" law. Like many other states, Oregon requires that certain conditions be in place before protection from litigation is available:

1. **The victim has to be in dire straits.** The circumstances must suggest that your assistance is the only alternative to death or serious physical aftereffects.
2. **Your aid has to be without any expectation of getting paid.**
3. **You have to be somewhere where medical care is not regularly available.** If the above scenario occurred in the hall of a hospital building, the Good Samaritan law would not apply.
4. **You can't be grossly negligent.** This is a slippery concept, as is the general concept of negligence. The negligence standard relies on what a reasonable person would do under the



circumstances. Gross negligence has from time to time been defined by Oregon courts as negligence of a substantially greater degree than ordinary negligence, or conduct which indicates an indifference or reckless disregard to the probable consequences of an act. Unfortunately, this concept is hard to apply in real life and each case is decided on its own facts.

One odd quirk in the wording of Oregon's law is the reference to the victim as "an injured person." If the victim is merely suffering a medical emergency without any injury, does the statute apply? No Oregon court seems to have ruled on this. Certainly the general purpose of the law would be fulfilled by rendering aid for any medical situation that meets the other conditions. A literal reading of the language could, however, cause some problems.

This is just an overview of the law. To read the complete text, go here: <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/30.800>. And remember, each state's law is different.



It's hard to believe it's already time for David Bennett to head out on his 18 month mission. It's going to be strange not to see him at the Emergency Management Office organizing, fixing, creating, more fixing, problem solving, tracking, and planning among other things. As much as we all wish him the best on his mission out there in the world, we're going to miss him, even his singing.

David first came to Beaverton CERT in 2008, took the basic training class and started volunteering. It wasn't long before he became involved in CERT leadership and eventually lead the team as the Steering Committee Chairman through 2016. Panic spread as he announced his intention of leaving on a mission for 18 months. Being an integral part of CERT functioning for so many years, his impending absence left Ann scrambling to get everything in his head onto paper before he got away. I think we're okay now, at least she's stopped twitching when we talk about him leaving.

So where in the world is David Bennett going? Australia! That's right, the land of kangaroos, shrimps on the barbie, koalas and waltzing Matilda. David and his lovely wife, Kaleen, are headed to Western Australia (the west side of the continent) to the coastal region of Perth. He said it's supposed to be a similar climate to Portland, but milder. So when we're fighting off another Snowpocalypse this winter, he'll be enjoying a nice summer day and not wishing he was here.

David said he and Kaleen will be "assigned as 'Member and Leader Support' to a branch of their church to assist in member activity and special events for the branch and the community." Don't expect them to be out digging up opals to bring back to you though. They're not going to be traveling and will be busy, busy, busy. Despite a hectic schedule and limited access to email, I'm hoping David will be able to send the occasional



email to let us know how they're doing so we can share it in the newsletter from time to time. Bon Voyage, David! Have a safe trip and we'll see you when you get back, RIGHT?

QUIZ: Do you remember...

Quiz time! This month I wanted to quiz you on your familiarity with some acronyms and terms you might have heard, or will hear as a Beaverton CERT. This is not a complete list, of course, it's just some that I hear fairly regularly, so it seemed like a good place to start.

What do the following acronyms stand for:

ARC
ARES
ARO
ARRL
CERT
EMO
EMDV
EOC
FEMA
ICS
LZ
MRC
NIMS
OEM
PIO
SAR
TVF&R
WCCA

Some terms you should be familiar with:

Mitigation

HAM (not the kind you eat)

Hot wash

Logistics

Code Red

Liquefaction

Staging area

You can [click here](#) to find the answers to this month's quiz.

DID YOU KNOW???

COOL PHONE TECH

Back in May's "Did You Know???" section, I talked about the FEMA phone app for preparedness. If you didn't see it or read it, I'd recommend that you consider or re-consider getting the app. It's one easy thing you can do in the name of National Emergency Preparedness Month– Yay! Now, on to this month's topic, did you know you can text "PREPARE" to 43362 (4FEMA) to receive monthly preparedness tips? (*msg/data rates apply*) Disaster survivors can text "SHELTER" and a zip code to 43362 to search for open shelters. If you text "LIST" to 43362, you'll get a list of keywords that you can subscribe to. And, if you decide at some point you want to unsubscribe, just text "STOP" to 43362

A USEFUL WEBSITE FOR AFTER A DISASTER

Safe and Well

After a disaster, letting your family and friends know that you are safe and well can bring your loved ones great peace of mind. This website is designed to help make that communication easier.

Register Yourself as "Safe and Well"
Click on the "List Myself as 'Safe and Well'" button to register yourself on the site.

Search for Loved Ones
Concerned family and friends can search the list of those who have registered themselves as "safe and well" by clicking on the "Search Registrants" button. The results of a successful search will display a loved one's first name, last name and a brief message.



List Myself as
Safe and Well

Search
Registrants

Did you know the American Red Cross has a website called "[Safe & Well](#)". In the event of a disaster, you can register with the Safe & Well site to let family and friends know you're okay. After registering, you can select a message or messages to let family and friends know your status. Concerned family and friends can search this list to find their loved one's first name, last name, an "as of date" and the "safe and well" message. I don't know about you, but I'm going to send that link to my people.



"Jeanette Wolf at the NAC Movie Night. CERT outreach had a booth but it was tucked back where there was virtually no traffic. Not to be undone, Jeanette moved her chair over to the bins full of ice and water bottles – it was a super hot and muggy evening. Each person that came for a bottle got a Fundamental 3 flyer and some preparedness tips from Jeanette to go with it."

-Claudia Steiner-Fricker, Deputy Supervisor of Programs



Photo courtesy of Todd De Bow

Crowd & Traffic Management Training by the Beaverton Police Department

A big thank you to Sgt. Schaer and his team for their awesome training session on August 26, 2017.



Photo courtesy of Todd De Bow



BEAVERTON CERT HAMs

BEAVERTON CERT RADIO TEAM hosts a weekly, Monday night (8pm) net on 147.380 MHz or 443.750 MHz with a positive offset and tone of 100 Hz. We are also on Echolink at K7RPT-R repeater.

Also, please be sure to have our 70cm repeater WB7CRT programmed for use. The frequency is 444.750 MHz with a positive offset and tone of 123.0 Hz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beaverton Celebration Parade Entry	Sep 9 8:30am-12:00pm	Church parking lot @ SW Allen Blvd & SW Wilson Ave
Monthly Steering Committee Meeting	Sept 12 6:30 - 7:00pm	3rd floor conference room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Monthly Roundtable	Sept 12 7:00 - 8:30pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Regional CERT Exercise	Sep 16 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Tektronix, Building 38, 3025 SW Zworykin Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005
Beginning Ham Radio - Class 1/4	Sep 23 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Beginning Ham Radio - Class 2/4	Sep 30 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
BCCI Preparedness Summit	Sep 30 2017 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Beaverton Main Library at 5th & Hall Blvd
Beginning Ham Radio - Class 4/4	Oct 7 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Monthly Steering Committee Meeting	Oct 10 6:30-7:00pm	3rd floor conference room 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Monthly Roundtable	Oct 10 7:00 - 8:30pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Beginning Ham Radio - Class 4/4	Oct 14 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
CERT Basic Training Final Exercise: Be Helper/ Victim	Oct 21 8 am - 12:00 pm	TVF&R Training Facility, 12400 SW Tonquin Rd, Sherwood
Sandbag Training & Community Service	Oct 28 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Beaverton Public Works, 9600 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005
First Aid, CPR & AED Training	Nov 4 8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
CERT Potluck!	Nov 14 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Emergency Management Office 3rd Floor 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Beaverton, OR 97005
Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House	Dec 2 3:30 - 7:00 pm	Beaverton City Park

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