



Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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ORVOAD Members and Partners –

Fire and Rain:

I was talking with Tim Lambert of [Operation BBQ Relief](#) yesterday as he was getting ready to be interviewed by KGW News about their relief efforts in Puerto Rico. He was highlighting the frantic pace of activities from Texas to Florida and now to Puerto Rico, and how they are able to maintain the pace of preparing and delivering food to people impacted by disaster. His is just one of the many organizations responding to disaster near and far, and he one of the many who have rolled up their sleeves and committed to rebuilding communities devastated by fire and rain – and wind too.

In NVOADs *Situation Report* yesterday, they outlined the work of organizations such as Brethren Disaster Response, Feeding America, The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Southern Baptist Disaster Response, Adventist Community Services, Disaster Distress Helpline, Team Rubicon, UMCOR and others who are feeding, sheltering, providing spiritual and emotional care and helping in so many ways. I know many of our member organization leads are deployed to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Others are deployed to areas impacted by past disasters – still rebuilding. It's a busy season - going from wild fires to hurricanes and rain – and it appears to be keeping everyone on their toes. So remember a couple of self-care tips:

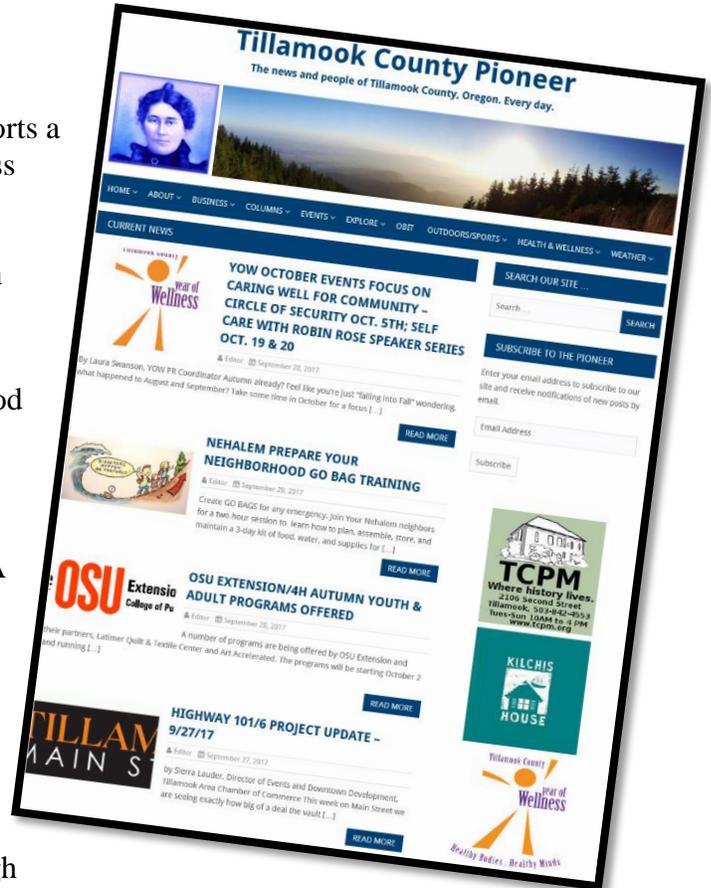
- Take care of your family first
- Know your person signs of stress
- Take time for yourself
- Select and practice constructive ways to release stress
- Eat nutritiously
- Maintain contact with your family and friends
- Use time off and focus on stress management

The work each of our organizations does is not about the disaster, it is about the *people* impacted by disaster. It is our responsibility to be our best, to bring our best selves to these disasters and work alongside men, women, children, seniors, residents, immigrants and people of every faith, color, gender identity, ability and nationality. It is stressful and incredibly rewarding work that builds and repairs the soul, but it also takes its toll.

So before you jump into the fray, before you roll up your sleeves and work beside Dave Hillison of [NW Baptist Disaster Response](#), Tim Lambert of [Operation BBQ Relief](#), John and Wendy Colvin of [Mennonite Disaster Services](#), Christian Burgess of [Disaster Distress Helpline](#), Dallas Brannon of [Team Rubicon](#) and others, before you get out there to take care of those impacted by disaster, please remember to take a moment for quiet meditation and take care of yourself and your family first.

What's Going on in Oregon?

- Charlene Larsen (*Lutheran Disaster Response and ORVOAD President*) reports a pretty solid calendar of disaster readiness and response activities going on in Tillamook County. A look at the [Tillamook County Pioneer](#) outlines such activities as:
 - Caring Well for Community
 - Nehalem Prepare Your Neighborhood GO bag Training
 - Nehalem Bay CERT Training
- There are two new AmeriCorps VISTA folks working in the counties in support of COAD activities - Welcome:
 - John Schmiedl is the new VISTA working with Ed Flick at Marion County Emergency Management. Part of his job will be to strengthen the COAD in Marion County through identification of important community partners that possess both community resources and response knowledge.
 - Anders Kass is the VISTA replacing Karen Troung at Linn County Public Health in support of the Vulnerable Populations Working Group in the county.
- A shout out to Anthony Vendetti of Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) and his work to strengthen the COAD in Clark County. They have been hard at work to identify and recruit members, develop future coordination and recovery roles, and develop a COAD structure that builds a robust partnership with the community in support of disaster response and long-term recovery.
- Reed Finlayson over at the Douglas County COAD has been working to keep everyone in their service area informed as to fire response needs, while at the same time planning for the Big One. A recent email from Reed included a neat Cascadia Earthquake link that showed projected shaking. Click on the link and see how your area will potentially shake during the [BIG One](#).



Spotlight on Oregon and SW Washington COADs -

- ✚ Clackamas County COAD –
 - Contact [Jamie Hays](#) for more information

- ✚ Clark County COAD –
 - Meets bi-monthly on the 2rd Tuesday. Meetings in January, March, May, July, September and November.
 - Contact [Anthony Vendetti](#) for more information (360) 992-6271

- ✚ Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
 - Meets quarterly on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
 - Meetings are July, October, January and April
 - Contact [Libby Calnon](#) for more information

- ✚ Douglas County COAD –
 - Monthly Community Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.
 - Contact [Reed Finlayson](#), Chair for more information

- ✚ Lane Preparedness Coalition –
 - Contact [Jill Hoyenga](#), Chair for more information
 - Website: www.preparelane.org

- ✚ Lane County COAD –
 - COAD meetings are held quarterly
 - Contact [Karen Edmonds](#), Secretary for more information

- ✚ Linn-Benton Vulnerable Populations Planning Workgroup –
 - Linn-Benton County VPPW meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 26th at the Sunset Building in Corvallis.
 - Contact [Sarah Bates](#) for more information

- ✚ Marion/Polk COAD –
 - Contact [Kathleen Silva](#), Marion County Emergency Management
 - Website: www.marionpolkcoad.org

- ✚ Rogue Valley Preparedness & Recovery Hub
 - RV COAD meets at The Salvation Army, 304 Beatty St., Medford, OR 97501, Look to their website for the next COAD meeting.
 - Website: <https://roguevalley.recovers.org/>

Training Opportunities as Announced by OEM:

Attached are the training announcements for the following courses (*Italicized listings are new announcements*):

- *November 7-9, 2017: G0290 Basic Public Information Officers Course/G0291 Joint Information System/Center Planning for Tribal, State, and Local Public Information Officers (Salem, OR)*

Current Training Calendar on OEM Training Page:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

Please contact if you have any questions regarding training or need to send in your FEMA 119 forms for a specific course.

Trainings and Workshops:

Current Happenings & Items for Consideration

- **NEW:** Seismic Grants available to public schools and emergency response facilities! The application period is from Oct 2 to Jan 31. More information [here from Business Oregon](#). *Flyers attached.*
- **NEW:** [Child Care Aware of America](#) is providing many resources to aid child care providers and families impacted by the series of hurricanes hitting the US. Check out some of the actions and information provided by their Emergency Preparedness Team [for Hurricane Harvey](#).
- **NEW:** The US Department of Veterans Affairs has released a Disaster Preparedness Toolkit, [Disaster Preparedness to Promote Community Resilience](#). A quick reference to the toolkit is attached; go to <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/nchav/education/VEMEC-Toolkit.asp> for a more comprehensive gathering of Veteran and homeless support.
- **NEW:** The numerous disasters affecting our nation are shining the light on the need for all levels of preparedness. Although a daunting task, *financial preparedness* is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently. FEMA has some tools and checklists to aid in collecting and securing critical records needed for peace of mind and to start the recovery process without delay. Click [here](#) to download.
- **NEW** – Miscellaneous Reads:
 - Oregon Business Magazine article on [seismic gas shutoff valves](#).
 - Governing Magazine - [As Disasters Grow More Frequent, How Should States and Cities Prepare?](#)
 - Portland is referenced in [A Plan that Tackles Climate Change and Racial Discrimination and How Cities can Protect Poor People and Minorities from Climate Change](#).
- The Cascadia Megaquake webinar series recordings and presentations can now be found on the National Academies website at [Board on Earth Sciences and Resources](#).

- OMSI's New and Improved Shake House – coming fall/winter 2017! For many years, OMSI's Shake House has delighted visitors as they experience earthquakes and learn to drop, cover, and hold on while singing “*I feel the Earth, move, under my feet...*” After more than 500,000 quake simulations, the Shake House is ready for an update! **Join us for the October REMTEC meeting taking place at OMSI** and get a preview of the Shake House update and other OMSI renovation plans. *Shake House flyer attached.*

Events/Workshops

- 10/17 – Region 10 Regional Response Team & NW Area Committee Meeting, Portland. This meeting is open to all who are interested in seeing what **HazMat/Oil Spill responses** have been conducted, and planning for such events. The meeting will be held at Columbia Inter-Tribal Fishing Commission's chamber, Lloyd Building, 700 NE Multnomah Street. [Check out the RRT/NWAC website](#) for more information on the team, their mission, and response plans.

Training & Exercises (in order of training date)

- 10/10 & 10/11 - Logistics Course (Day 1) and Logistics Chief's Course (Day 2), Portland ECC. Tuition is free. Register [here for Day 1](#) and [here for Day 2](#).
- 10/18 9:00am-5:00pm – FREE ICS and the Planning P Course, Beaverton, OR. Workshop and exercise for Incident Management Team's Command and General Staff. Please send an email with your name, contact information and agency to mstedrington@aol.com or call 503.750.7816. Registrations will be taken until October 11th 2017. *Flyer attached.*
- 11/6-11/10 – (ISO 22301-LI) Lead Implementer, Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) 5-day course & certification, Portland. \$2900 per individual, [Register here](#). *Flyer attached.*
- WA State EM Division Training Opportunities Bulletin featuring courses from FEMA Region X, WA State EMD, and local stakeholders. To view course and session details, log in to [Washington TRAIN](#). If you don't have an account, follow the directions to create one and manage your account. *Flyer attached.*
- Regional, State, Federal Training Calendars:
 - [OEM Training Calendar](#)
 - [RDPO Regional Training Calendar](#)
 - [Washington State EMD Training Calendar](#)
 - [FEMA Region X Training Calendar](#)
 - [FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)

Jobs/Internships (in order of closing date)

- Training & Exercise Specialist, Public Health EM Preparedness & Response Program, Kitsap Public Health District, Bremerton, WA. **Closes October 1st**. [Apply here](#).
- Community Resilience Outreach Coordinator, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. **Closes October 2nd**. [Apply here](#).

- **NEW:** [Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District Executive Director](#), St. Helens, OR. *Closes October 6th.*
- Hurricane Response Jobs at the Small Business Administration (SBA), nationwide openings. The SBA is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts from September 1st to December 31st, 2017. Bilingual language skills a plus. Go [here](#) for job descriptions and application process.
- **Updated job link** - Supervisor - Emergency Management, Providence Health & Services, Portland, OR. *No closing date listed.* [Apply here.](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Manager](#), Vancouver, WA City Manager's Office. *Open until filled, first review September 6th.*
- [Health Officer Operations Manager](#), Multnomah County Health Department. *Open until filled.* [MultCo How to Apply.](#)

Emergency Management Manager, Puyallup, WA. First review of applications June 26th, *no closing date listed.* [Apply here.](#)