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Upcoming Events and Opportunities



Introduction to Violence Prevention Strategies and Resources

Thursday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PT Online

Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) is hosting a four-part educational seminar series aimed at enhancing community preparedness and resilience. This series is hosted by IOEM with collaboration from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and Albertsons Companies. [You can register for the first session now.](#) The full schedule is below.

- Session 1: May 9 - Introduction to Violence Prevention Strategies and Resources
- Session 2: June 13 - The Safety and Security Impacts of Houselessness on Businesses and Organizations
- Session 3: September 12 - Safely Leveraging Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace
- Session 4: October 10 - Emergency Cybersecurity Threats: Preparing for the Malicious Use of Artificial Intelligence

Courses are not cumulative and may be taken individually. Each course counts toward continuing education with CEU credits. [Read more about this educational series.](#)



Month 5 of Prepare in a year: Important Documents

**Thursday, May 16
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. PT on Zoom**

Third Thursday Tips - Important Documents

Thursday, May 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PT on Zoom

This webinar will focus on the importance of having paperwork and documents ready to go in case of an emergency or disaster. Having complete paperwork one can access after an event makes all the difference when applying for assistance. This includes household, financial, and medical documents, emergency contact info, and photos/documentation of valuables. Join us to learn more!

Registration: If you already registered prior to April 1, please re-register for any/all Third Thursday Tip Webinars, as we had to update the registration link at the end of March. If you are unsure, please re-register to be safe as the old link will not work.

This webinar is a part of the Third Thursday Tips Monthly Webinar Series that follows the Prepare in a Year Guide which can be found here in multiple languages: [Prepare in a Year](#)



2024 National CERT Conference

July 23 - 26, 2024 in Washington D.C.*

The National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conference is the leading event for emergency response teams, offering a platform for experts to share insights and strategies. Attendees participate in workshops, panels, and keynotes covering incident response and resilience planning. Join professionals and newcomers alike to shape the future of emergency response. Don't miss this opportunity to network, learn, and contribute to safeguarding our communities.

View event flyer [here](#).

[Sign up](#) to receive updates about the conference.

Registration Opening Soon!

**Possible exercise on Saturday, July 27th*



Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Saturday, May 4, 2024

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is hosting their annual Wildfire Community Preparedness Day as a campaign to encourage people and organizations everywhere to take action to reduce wildfire risks.

Individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to learn more about defending the '[Home Ignition Zone](#)'(HIZ) by eliminating vulnerabilities within five feet of a residence or business.

Interested families or organizations [can read more from the NFPA](#) and find resources to guide activities during the Preparedness Day. Additionally, you can view and add your own project to their [Wildfire Preparedness Day Project Map](#), which shows participating communities in the United States and Canada.



Volcano Awareness Month

May 2024

May is Washington State's Volcano Awareness Month! This month was chosen to commemorate the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens which killed 57 people. This eruption made it clear that, in addition to the other hazards in our backyard, in Region 10, we live in volcano country. Events will be taking place throughout the month, including an opportunity for the public to come talk to scientists and preparedness experts on May 18 at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater. Check out [this post from WA Emergency Management Department](#) to learn more about how you can participate in this year's Volcano Awareness Month, including a movie watch party (May 8th) and Reddit Ask-Me-Anything session (May 16th).

CERT Trainings in Washington State

CERT Train-the-Trainer Training

This 3-day in-person course will provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to instruct the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that prepares citizens to assist in emergency response

activities in their local community. This class is a requirement to be a recognized CERT Instructor in Washington

May 19, 20, and 21

Spokane Valley SDA Church Fellowship Hall, [1601 South Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037](#)

Email celso.rangel@ofm.wa.gov to register for either of the above, and you will receive more information.

CERT Program Manager Training

This in-person course prepares participants to establish and sustain an active local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The responsibilities of a local CERT Program Manager are various. This course defines the core components of a local CERT program and focuses on effective practices.

May 22, 23, and 24

Spokane Valley SDA Church Fellowship Hall, [1601 South Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Month 5 of Prepare in a Year: Important Documents

Complete **1** activity a month to prepare you and your family for disasters!



Make a Communications Plan



Create an Action Plan



Store Water



Build Grab & Go Kits



Secure Important Documents



Be 2 Weeks Ready



Learn Fire Safety



Learn Utility Safety



Store Under the Bed Supplies



Practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On



Prepare to Shelter in Place



Conduct a Home Hazard Hunt

See page 9 of [Prepare in a Year Guide](#) for more information

After a major disaster, you may need financial assistance and will want to document any property loss for insurance and income tax purposes. Having ready access to the documents necessary for completing application forms, as well as those which could be difficult to replace, will help reduce delay and frustration.



Use a scanner or your cell phone’s camera to take pictures of these important items and then put them on an encrypted flash drive. Password protection is important because you don’t want private information to fall into someone’s hands by accident.

Gather and make copies of the following documents:

- 1. Property insurance papers** (home, renter’s, auto, etc.)
- 2. Health insurance papers** (medical/dental provider, life, extended disability, etc.)
- 3. Financial papers** (bank, investment, retirement, etc.)
- 4. Wills, powers of attorney, and estate papers**
- 5. Take photos or videos of all valuables** as documentation for insurance claims.

If you have physical copies, store these copies and photos in a safe deposit box, fire proof box or in a zipper storage bag in your freezer.

Partner Highlights



2024 Washington State Volunteer Service Awards

Serve Washington selected the Clallam County Fire District 3 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) as a recipient of the Washington State Volunteer Service Awards group winner for the peninsula/coastal region. Clallam County Fire District 3 has 523 CERT volunteers who collectively logged more than 22,000 hours of service in 2023. This included distributing meals from the Sequim Food Bank during Thanksgiving and Christmas and taking monthly trainings on various preparedness skills and topics. [Serve Washington released a press release highlighting the team's efforts.](#)

Preparedness Conferences in Region 10

April was a busy month for preparedness conferences in Region 10! Alaska, Oregon, and Washington each held statewide preparedness conferences. Read more about each below.



Alaska Emergency Management Conference

April 9th - April 12th, 2024

On April 9th, the 2024 Alaska Emergency Management Conference kicked off to pomp and circumstance as the Color Guard detail from the Alaska Military Youth Academy proudly marched in the United States and Alaska State flags to

officially begin the conference. Opening remarks were delivered by Brian Fisher, DHS&EM Director and Michelle Torres, the Outreach Branch Chief for DHS&EM. After the opening ceremony concluded, the conference formally began with a special presentation by Dakota Duncan on artificial intelligence in the emergency management field. The conference would continue at a brisk pace for the next four days with numerous classes, presentations, and industry partners providing on site networking opportunities.

2024 achieved another milestone of record attendance, with over 250 professionals participating over the course of the conference. Numerous local, tribal, state, borough, and federal agencies sent some of their best and brightest to not only meet and greet, but to take in the various classes and sessions. Collaborating on training and coordinating that training to benefit the entire state is another critical component of the conference. One of the core themes of this year's conference was cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, with both speakers and classes featured to help demystify some of the many unknowns and misconceptions around both.

Other major highlights of the week included the Alaska Emergency Management Association awards and subsequent meeting. Special guests included Anchorage Police Department Officer Dominick Eubank, wounded in the line of duty, Willie Nunn, FEMA Region 10 Administrator and DHS Under Secretary for Science and Technology Dimitri Kusnezov. The week concluded on Friday, April 12th with back-to-back meetings of the Local Emergency Association (LEPCA) and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).



Partners in Emergency Preparedness

April 2nd - 4th, 2024

Hundreds of emergency management experts came together in Tacoma, Washington for the Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (PIEP). The conference was from April 2 to April 4 and included a farewell from Maj. Gen. Bret D. Daugherty, who is retiring in June. There was also a video from FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and sessions ranging from tsunami and earthquakes to FEMA Region 10's Youth Preparedness Council presenting on how we can interact with teenagers in emergency management.

PIEP also hosts a free monthly webinar series. The May webinar focuses on FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and how Alert Originators can create messages. [Register for the webinar, happening May 15th at 10:30am PT.](#)



Oregon Prepared

April 23rd - 25th, 2024

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management welcomed tribal, county, city, state, and federal emergency management staff and non-profit and community-based organizations to their annual workshop in Sunriver, Oregon. The workshop featured topics such as tribal sovereignty, the Homeland Security Grant Program, and Long-Term Recovery Groups and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

Additionally, the FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council had two members, Lily Yao and Naomi Robinson (pictured above) speak about their experience in emergency management so far and what steps we can take to get more teenagers interested and involved in preparedness for climate change and disasters. [You can view the full list of sessions and more information.](#)

Celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month!



The month of May is Asian American, Native Hawai'ian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. This month we celebrate the diverse cultures and traditions that the AAPI community represent as well as their history within the United States. This year's theme is, **Advancing Leaders Through Innovation**, and is paying homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped AANHPI history and continue to influence the collective future.

Historically, this community has faced discrimination, stereotyping, and systemic barriers that have limited their access to opportunities. As said by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), "Opportunity can be built, it can be accessed, it can be achieved, or it can be given". As we celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month we want to reflect on the past, recognize the present, and work towards a brighter future where all, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to succeed.

[Click to learn more](#) about why this year's theme was chosen, and various events that are happening in-person and virtually to celebrate.

Submit suggestions

Send us preparedness events and highlights for future newsletters.

Additional Resources

For more resource on how to get prepared follow the links below:

- Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov
- 2024 Ready Calendar
- Signup for FEMA Email Updates (govdelivery.com)
- Washington Emergency Management Division
- Oregon Department of Emergency Management
- Idaho Office of Emergency Management
- Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Follow FEMA Region 10 on X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn for the latest updates, and visit FEMA.gov for more information
- R10 Youth Preparedness Council web, X, instagram, facebook.
- Link to past Region 2 Webinar Courses



[Region 10 Individual & Community Preparedness Resource Dashboard \(connectsolutions.com\)](https://connectsolutions.com)

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