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Emergency Preparedness News

- The city of Eugene has a new Emergency Preparedness Program Manager. Her name is Sierra Anderson. Sierra was previously with the Benton County Emergency Management department. We look forward to working with her in the future.
- Lane County Emergency Preparedness manager, Patience Winningham, has moved to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management as their Deputy Director. We have not heard of who or when her replacement will be. Patience had previously been the City of Eugene Emergency Manager before taking on the same role with Lane County. We wish her well in her new position.
- Earthquake Awareness and Preparedness

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm ET

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for an Earthquake Preparedness webinar on the day before International ShakeOut Day. The discussion will include tips on how to prepare and what to do during an earthquake.

This webinar will feature guest speakers from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez, Puerto Rico Seismic Network. They will discuss the background and impact of earthquakes and tsunamis in Region 2, specifically in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Additionally, the webinar will provide preparedness information including how to update emergency plans and supplies, and to secure your living space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

Who should attend? The whole community – general public, NGOs, local, state, federal government and private sector.

Register now using this link:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/earthquakeprep/event/registration.html>

Request a Defensible Space Assessment to prepare for fires

The Oregon State Fire Marshal has teamed up with local fire agencies so that Oregon residents can request a defensible space assessment. For more information, check the Eugene Weekly article

<https://eugeneweekly.com/2023/09/14/on-the-fire-trail/>

To find your local office to request an assessment go to the [Oregon State Fire Marshal's website](#) and click on the Defensible Space link. Entering your address will bring up the contact information for your Defensible Space Assessment provider.

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Great American Shakeout reminder

Just a reminder. We forwarded an email recently from the Oregon Emergency Management department. One of the items related to this year's International ShakeOut Day on October 19! This is a worldwide drill to practice and prepare for an earthquake. Oregon, like most states in earthquake prone areas, has their own registration and information website. Please join 480,000, and growing, registered participants. The link for more information and to register is at <https://www.shakeout.org/oregon/>

At 10:19 am (local time) on 10/19, you can join people across Oregon practicing earthquake safety. While you are encouraged to participate with everyone on October 19th, you can register your personal ShakeOut drill for any day of the year, and drill at a time of your choice.

Presentations

Transportation

In the case of a Cascadia Subduction earthquake or other major disaster, how would you find your way out of your neighborhood? Would the bridges, overpasses, or culverts allow us to find your way to where you can get help. How will first responders, emergency vehicles, and supplies get to us?

Ready NW is in discussions with the City of Eugene Transportation and Emergency Preparedness departments to hold a presentation that will discuss transportation after a disaster including the seismic viability of our bridges, overpasses, and culverts. As soon as a date and time is selected and presenters confirmed we will let you know.

Dam Safety Meeting and Flood Inundation Mapping

If you want to review our previous Dam Safety Meeting and Flood Inundation Mapping presentation held in November 2022 you can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJOccp1iuGw&t=2626s>. The presentation starts around 3 minutes and 30 seconds in.

Getting Prepared

We are moving towards the fall and winter. That can mean inclement weather resulting in the loss of power. To prepare make sure you read up on preparing for an outage and plan ahead. There are a myriad of resources related to power outages. Here are a couple. has information at the following link:

FEMA: Prepare Yourself for a Power Outage - <https://www.fema.gov/blog/prepare-yourself-power-outage>

Ready.gov: Power Outages
<https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

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Ready NW Eugene can use your help

Ready NW Eugene can always use your help. From just attending a Zoom presentation to help us get the word out. If you are interested in assisting in Ready NW Eugene planning please let us know. Charley, Ed, and Joel would appreciate help with developing presentations, creating handouts, helping spread the word at local events, training, creating and sending emails to the distribution list, and other assistance. If you have any experience or just a willingness to help please reach out to any of us or email us at readynweugene@gmail.com

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