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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Helen Ahrens-Byington, Deputy Fire Chief / City Emergency Manager
Date: January 5th, 2011
Subject: FEMA Advanced Professional Series Certification

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize the level of training that Stephanie Day, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and John Hopfauf, Public Works Street Manager, have accomplished in emergency management. They are the first to complete this certification in the State of Washington in the last 5 years.

The City of Kirkland becomes a more resilient community when staff and citizens become educated about emergency management issues.

James Yates, the State Training Program Manager, with Washington State Emergency Management Division will be presenting the Certification.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Advanced Professional Series Certification increases the ability to perform essential work in a disaster and develops required skills in the operations and management of a disaster. These skills are developed through this series of courses that offers "how to" training focused on practical information. The courses address top skills for performing emergency management and disaster duties, motivating and challenging students to continue emergency management training.

There are 5 required courses: *EOC Management and Operations; Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface; Rapid Assessment Workshop; Recovery from Disaster, the Local Government Role and Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Governments.* To earn the certificate, students are also required to take 5 more elective classes in a variety of emergency management topics.