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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Helen Ahrens-Byington, Deputy Fire Chief, City Emergency Manager
Date: March 20th, 2012
Subject: CERT class graduation

Recommendation:

Recognize the graduates of our Community Emergency Response Team course with a brief explanation of the program and award them Certificates of Completion.

Background Discussion:

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches citizens how to be prepared and trains them to be able to help others after a disaster. The 26-hour CERT course is taught by a trained team of first responders and other professionals. Training covers the Incident Command System, disaster preparedness, fire suppression, basic medical assessment and first aid, light search & rescue operations, and disaster psychology.

CERT members understand the risks disasters pose to people and property. They have taken steps to reduce hazards and lessen the impact of disasters once they have occurred. When disasters overwhelm local response capability, they are trained to take care of themselves and give critical support to their family members, neighbors, and others in their immediate area until professionals arrive. When first responders arrive, CERT's will be able to provide them with useful information and support. Later, they will be able to help City reestablish stability to the community. CERTs may also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of their community.

Kirkland's 13th CERT course graduates March 20th, 2012. The next course will be held in Fall of 2012. Residents and people who work, or attend school in the City of Kirkland are welcome to participate. Residents outside this area will be accepted on a space-available basis.

A brief introduction of the CERT program and training will be made by Helen Ahrens-Byington, Deputy Fire Chief and City Emergency Manager. Each graduate will then be called up to receive their certificate from the Mayor and Fire Chief Kevin Nalder.

The students graduating are:

First	Last	
Maureen	Albi	
Susan	Brennan	
Stephanie	Carter	
Peter	Dodson	
Victoria	Huff	
Pat	Jovag	
David	King	
Gunnar	Kudrjavets	
Jeff	Lyon	
James	Mach	<u>Instructor in training</u>
Jennie	Marker	
Tim	Mason	
Shannon	McCullough	
Janet	Merriam	
John	O'Rourke	
Ronald	Poole	
Jennifer (Elise)	Poston	
Gregory	Roeben	
Aaron	Sooter	
Jeannette	Stansell	
James	Szabo	
John	Szabo	
Cathy	Tracey	
Marianna	Villa	
Elise Spring	Vitus	
Howard	Warner (Tim)	
Roland	White	