



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Pattijean Hooper, Ph.D., Manager, Office of Emergency Management

**Date:** April 19, 2016

**Subject:** Community Emergency Response Team #21 Graduation

The Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in: disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, the incident command system, and disaster psychology.

The members of CERT Class 21 are ready for graduation. But before that commences, there should be a moment for accolades. On behalf of the City of Kirkland, we should thank each for making the time to prioritize this important civic engagement activity. CERT training supports the goals of the Office of Emergency Management, and more importantly, all community members!

In today's world, schedules are full and occupied with school, work, family, and many options for volunteering. That these community members chose to educate themselves to help others in times of need speaks volumes to their values and commitment to community building. The information learned can assist neighbors, visitors, the workplace, and even professional responders in times of crisis. Although we never hope to have to call on these skills; in a time of need, CERT training will help Kirkland respond and recover from the incident at hand.

This CERT class was trained by community volunteers and firefighters. Thanks to firefighters Ed Kinney and Jesse Martindale, lead trainer Christina Brugman, and the volunteer instructional staff: Jen Mahan, Todd Bancroft, and Janice Christian. It is important to acknowledge the enthusiasm and commitment of this CERT instructional team. The resources and capabilities of this team keeps CERT alive and well and serving the Kirkland community.

CERT has conducted this training at the Kirkland Justice Center. This spacious facility was an excellent venue for participants. We appreciate the support of Acting Chief Bill Hamilton and Executive Assistant Patti Ball who have been gracious and helpful.

At the City Council meeting, Pattijean Hooper, the Emergency Manager will explain the CERT program, ask the graduates to stand and read each graduates name. CERT graduates will shake hands with the mayor, and then the Council members. The group will leave and assemble in the employee lounge where they will receive helmets, CERT backpacks, and attend a reception in the teams' honor.

**Community Emergency Response Team Training  
Class # 21 (Spring 2016)  
GRADUATION LIST**

Name	Neighborhood
Steven Amsbaugh	Non-resident (Woodinville)
Jim Andrienas	Norkirk
Anthony Coppola	Highlands
Joy Corbin	Finn Hill
David Cunningham	Central Houghton
Stephen Darcy	
Theresa Demeter	Moss Bay
Alex Demeter	Moss Bay
Karen Edgerton	Norkirk
Sandra Fredric	Moss Bay
Stuart Funk	South Rose Hill
Susan Hawkins	Moss Bay
Madison Hoover	OEM AmeriCorps Volunteer
Jim Hughes	Highlands
Aaron Hulett	Highlands
Kayla Ihrig	Non-resident
Geoff Kenway	Market
Jill Krera	
Vivian Lai	Moss Bay
Esther LaMarche	North Rose Hill
Wes Mathis	Juanita
Fran Pollari	Finn Hill
Kyle Schadt	North Rose Hill
Denis Sitnitsa	Lakeview
Jim Sleeth	Non-resident
B. Richal Smith	Non-resident
Matthew White	Finn Hill
Don Wicklund	