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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: J Kevin Nalder Director Fire and Building Department
Jack Henderson, Deputy Fire Chief, City Emergency Manager

Date: April, 22 2013

Subject: CERT class graduation

Recommendation:

That the Council recognizes the graduates of our Community Emergency Response Team course with a brief explanation of the program and awards 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 15th CERT course was made possible in partnership with the Kirkland Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the church donated use of their building for the 8 weeks of class. This CERT class completed their final simulated drill on April 28th and come before Council for recognition of their success. The next course will be held in fall of 2013. 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.

Deputy Fire Chief Jack Henderson will give an overview of the program and introduce the CERT Graduates.

The students graduating from current class (CERT 15):

STUDENT
Adams, Margaret
Balke, Madalin
Brock, Thomas
Doherty, Patricia
Eagle, Lori
Edwards, Bethany
Gabriel, Nick
Griswold, Aubrey
Gupta, Pradeep
Huth, Peter
Hyman, Amanda
Kuchera, Anne
Marinkovich, Rita
Pollock, Pamela
Prill, Evelyn
Roberts, Cos
Solaimani, Lauri
Vincent, Kelly
Wiggins, Ed
Winter, Constance
Winter, Michael

Students graduating from previous class (CERT 14):

STUDENT
Pruitt, Janet
Quedado, Lourdes
Whalen, Caroline
Yonemitsu, Lori