



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: J Kevin Nalder Director Fire and Building Department
Helen Ahrens-Byington, Deputy Fire Chief

Date: October 23rd, 2013

Subject: CERT class graduation

Recommendation:

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 16th CERT course was made possible in partnership with the Northshore Baptist Church which donated the use of its building for the 8 weeks of class. This CERT class completed their final simulation drill on November 3rd and come before Council for recognition of their success. The next course will be held in winter/spring of 2014. 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.

CERT Graduate**Neighborhood**

Steve Bennett	Finn Hill
Meredith Bogguss	Finn Hill
Patricia Davis	Finn Hill
Cameron Dooley	Juanita
Curt Dooley	Finn Hill
Shari Dooley	Finn Hill
Roland (Bill) William Golden	Finn Hill
Chris Harvey	Juanita
Phil Harvey	Juanita
Matthew Hawn	Lost Lake
Peg Rusnak Hill	Juanita
Tom Kracht	Juanita
Kenn Kullberg	Evergreen
Jean Ludwig	Juanita
Brandi McBurney	Rose Hill
Larry McKinney	North Rose Hill
Lori Melton	Kingsgate
Meredith, Nikki	North Rose Hill
Jeffrey Naranjo	Norkirk
Scott Parker	Kingsgate
Patricia Pinkston	Rose Hill
Deonne Poston	Everest
Laurel Z Rich	Finn Hill
Patricia Riehl	Juanita
Lorraine Rough	Juanita
Kerry Rowan	South Rose Hill
Don Saylor	Finn Hill
Chris Shriver	Bridle trails
Loren Steel	Highlands
Pat Sween	Juanita
Marlene Vacknitz	Finn Hill
Sean Watson	Juanita