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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

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

Date: November 25, 2014

Subject: Community Emergency Response Team #18 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 18 are ready for graduation. But before that commences it is appropriate to pause for accolades. On behalf of the City of Kirkland, we 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 firefighter Ed Kinney, and 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.

The Northshore Baptist Church generously donated the space to provide this training for each of the 8 classes CERT conducted. The facility was an excellent venue for participants. We sincerely appreciate the church's support.

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 Peter Kirk Room downstairs where they will receive helmets (with graduation tassels); CERT backpacks, and attend a reception in the team's honor.

**Community Emergency Response Team Training Class # 18 (Winter 2014)
GRADUATION LIST**

Name	Neighborhood
Lea Aemissegger	Evergreen Hill
Ameeta Chainani	Evergreen Hill
Frederick Dowd	Finn Hill
Sally Freni	Finn Hill
Annette Hamilton	Norkirk
Meenu Jain	North Rose Hill
Sarah Jobson	Central Houghton
Curtis Metz	Juanita
James Naegle	Finn Hill
David Oakenfold	Juanita
Tamera Oskierko	City Employee
Alex Raschepkin	Norkirk
Christine Sawyer	Juanita
Laura Silvers	Evergreen Hill
Dick Schaertl	Juanita
Kim Stave	Central Houghton
Barbara Voss	Finn Hill
Heidi Weston	Bridle Trails
John Williams	Evergreen Hill
From CERT 14	
Rod Graham	Market