

# KECT Team Meeting Notes

City of Kirkland Office of Emergency Management

Date: 4/20/2022

Time: 18:00-19:00

Location: Zoom

## Participants

Carly, Heather, Howard, Josh, Don, Jym, Tom, Brian, Mark, Amy.

Excused – Marcia, Rich, Mitch

## City Updates

OEM Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Carly Pacekonis joined us for her first meeting. One month into the job she is looking forward to learning about amateur radio and helping build the team numbers and activities.

Fire Stations – Working on a tour of Station 24 for KECT. Based on team input a weekend morning is best, so I will work with the Station Captain to see what we can plan. Station 22 is in the process of being relocated to a temporary station on NE 85<sup>th</sup> and 128<sup>th</sup> Ave, this is expected to be completed by the end of May, then construction will begin. New Station 27 is in final design and the plot of land is empty awaiting action!

COVID Operations – The City is continuing another “month of monitoring” in an effort to make a slow and intentional return to full operations. City Hall remains open normal hours for community support and business, but staff are not yet meeting with teams/vendors/partners in person. The situation will be revisited in mid-May and based on the status of COVID we may plan an in-person meeting for June.

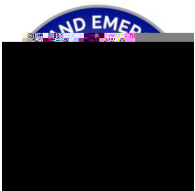
## Opportunities to get involved!

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5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Drill – April 30<sup>th</sup> – The Bothell team is looking to interact with KECT. It was clear you all are ready to play as well. The KECT request was to do check in from home via radio and, if you have the capability, winlink. Jym McMurdo volunteered to coordinate the drill with Tricia Parker at Bothell. Once they have a chance to talk and there is more information available, we will send it out via the KirklandEM email so keep an eye next week!

CERT – May 12<sup>th</sup> 6-7 and May 14<sup>th</sup> 9-2 (DRILL) – Kirkland is hosting CERT again! We are starting with a pilot course of new material, new approach (hybrid), and new location Station 26! As we have in the past, we are hoping to engage KECT to help students learn about the capability and maybe interest a few in joining KECT as well! There are 2 opportunities to support!

May 12<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7 ish - Jym will be doing a short demo/presentation about radios and KECT so we thought it might be great to have a few team members come to Station 26 and set up the radio box to show the group what it's all about. **Members identified to participate: Josh, Brian, Don (maybe)** – others are welcome (even if you just



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Cascadia Rising – This is a weeklong large regional exercise. Kirkland will be doing different activities each day and there are 2 opportunities for the team to practice their role in Mass Care.

June 14<sup>th</sup> 9-11 – CPOD at Lake WA Tech. City staff will be handing out preparedness kits to public as they drive through a distribution site. We are looking for some KECT members to help with communications between safety, police, IC, and workers. This will all be done via your handheld radio. Bellevue will also have their radio team supporting their exercise, so we expect some messaging to occur with Bellevue as well. **Members identified to participate: Marcia, Jym, Brian, (maybes) Mark and Don**– others are welcome, just let us know!

June 16<sup>th</sup> 830-1430 – Shelter at North Kirkland Community Center. City staff will be setting up and operating a human and pet shelter, including testing feeding capability. We are looking for a few KECT members to help with communications between areas, indoor/outdoor, pets and people. This will all be done via your handheld radio. **Members identified to participate: Howard, Jym, Brian, (maybes) Amy and Josh** – others are welcome, just let us know!

## Training

Mass Care – Where does KECT fit in?

A short presentation (attached to email) was presented explaining the basics of Mass Care (shelter, feeding, support) in disasters. The City is working to finalize the plan, has purchased the “stuff”, and is training staff. KECT is viewed as a resource onsite and potentially between sites, so we wanted to share the concepts, so you have a better understanding of the approach.

## Good of the Order

What ever happened to the idea of an AM/FM radio capability in Kirkland? It was presented to City leadership without direction to move forward. Heather will retouch on the idea and see if there is any further action.

Will KECT be expected to post notices/announcements on community communication boards? When requested yes. It was confirmed that there are not consistent messaging boards in all communities. This concept was presented to City leadership in the past, but due to some concerning feedback from other cities that have the resources (vandalism, inappropriate postings) there was no direction to take further action. If your community has one, it would be another tool (postings, social media, PA systems, reader boards, etc) that the City would leverage in a disaster.

## Next Meeting

May 18, 2022 | 18:00-19:00 | Zoom

