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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Heather Kelly, Emergency Manager
Joe Sanford, Fire Chief

Date: April 23, 2019

Subject: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM #27 GRADUATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize the graduates of the City of Kirkland's 27th Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class and award their CERT Certificate of Course Completion.

It is requested that this recognition occur as the first item of the meeting so the class participants and their supporters may excuse themselves from the chambers to attend a reception in their honor and provide seating for council meeting attendees.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

In today's world, schedules are occupied with school, work, family, and other demands. That these community members chose to dedicate one evening a week for eight weeks learning how to help others speaks volumes of their commitment to their community.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates community members about disaster preparedness and response. This course provides participants the skills necessary to help themselves, their families, and others during a disaster. The 26-hour CERT course is taught by a team of instructors including professional responders and volunteers. Training includes topics related to Incident Command, disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, light search & rescue operations, and teamwork.

CERT 27 highlighted the concept of community engagement as participants came from 11 neighborhoods and a variety of occupations, including but not limited to, doctors, nurses, IT specialists, domestic engineers, environmentalists, and retirees to name a few. This diverse group shares the desire and motivation to make a difference in the City of Kirkland.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would also like to thank the OEM volunteers and Kirkland Fire Fighters that support CERT course delivery.

The next course will be held in the Fall of 2019.

CERT 27 Participant List
March to May 2019

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>
Veronica	Knight	Bridle Trails
Christopher	Pansulla	Everest
Damien	Guard	Evergreen Hill/Kingsgate
Scott	Harder	Evergreen Hill/Kingsgate
Deborah	Ji	Finn Hill
Aram	Matevosov	Finn Hill
Ash	Gillespie	Finn Hill
Ken	Lapp	Finn Hill
Victoria	Lapp	Finn Hill
Mark	Rice	Highlands
Lynette	Espley	Juanita
Tessa	Hansen	Juanita
Doug	Hicks	Juanita
Angela	Gulick	Juanita
Lauren	Fergot	Juanita
Peter	Chang	Juanita
Jill	Haakenstad	Market
Nancy	Miller	Market
Klane	Anderson	Moss Bay
Elena	Wallace	Moss Bay
Habib	Heydarian	Norkirk
Ryan	Huntington	North Rose Hill
Joseph	Rapp	North Rose Hill
Mary	Goodwin	North Rose Hill
Hillary	Barth	North Rose Hill
Zach	Barth	North Rose Hill
Shelli	Craig	North Rose Hill
Brad	Remington	Totem Lake