



# Report to City Council

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President, Tualatin CERT and Ham Team

September 12, 2022

# CERT Team Status Report

- Must thank Tualatin City staff for their support
- Battled covid challenges
- Continued training – hybrid & online
- 153 CERT team members
- 78 ham radio license holders
- 6 GMRS radio license holders
- New ham radio repeater
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- Started coordination with Lake Oswego Fire
- Responded to mobilization requests
  - Blender Dash
  - ¡Viva Tualatin

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# FEMA Training Prepares Us – Emergencies When First Responders Are Overwhelmed

- Ice storm
- Smoke/fire threat
- Extreme heat
- Pandemic
  
- Flood
- Earthquake

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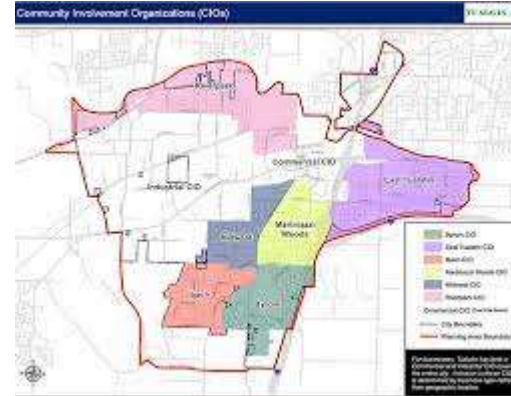
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- Supply shortages *pandemic*
- Utility outages
- Gas/diesel supply disrupted
- Structures damaged
- Safety services overwhelmed
- Injuries
- Families separated
- Special needs

# Tualatin Is Preparing

- City-wide
- Neighborhoods
- City government (and external agencies)
- Businesses
  
- CERT volunteers help



# Tualatin CERT – *Community Emergency Response Team*

- All volunteers
- Help our entire community prepare for disaster
- 501(c)3 non-profit organization
- Supported by City of Tualatin
- Programs for residents and businesses
  - Tualatin Neighborhood Ready
  - Tualatin CERT training
  - Radio communications
  - Businesses





# 2022 Spring Hybrid Basic Training – Check-In



# 2022 Spring Hybrid Basic Training – Search & Rescue/Medical Practice



# 2022 Spring Hybrid Basic Training – Fire Control Practice



# Tualatin Neighborhood Ready

- For families and their nearby neighbors (or local businesses)
- Free presentation + great family prep guideline
- Introduction to preparing:
  - Family plan
  - Emergency supplies & storage
  - Find utility shut-offs
  - Home hazards
  - Evacuation go bags
  - Communication tips
  - Working with your neighbors



- Visit [tualatincert.org](https://tualatincert.org), click **Tualatin Neighborhood Ready**
- Contact [TualatinReadyMYN@gmail.com](mailto:TualatinReadyMYN@gmail.com)

# Tualatin Neighbor Ready Info Booth - ¡Viva Tualatin



# Tualatin CERT Training

- Free training course (25 hours):
  - Earthquake awareness & disaster preparation
  - Fire suppression techniques
  - Disaster first aid/triage
  - Search and rescue
  - Team organization
  - Open to all Tualatin residents and employees
- Volunteer to help in our community
- Visit [tualatincert.org](http://tualatincert.org), click **Tualatin CERT**
- Contact [info@tualatincert.org](mailto:info@tualatincert.org)



# Communication is the KEY!

- CERT sponsors radio activities
- Improve disaster communication
- Amateur radio
  - aka ham radio
  - Radio operators & equipment available to help
  - FCC license required
  - Must pass exam
  - Training available
- Walkie Talkies (GMRS)
  - FCC license required
  - No exam required
- Visit [tualatincert.org](https://tualatincert.org), click **Amateur Radio**
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# Businesses

- Like a home, businesses should be preparing
- Help employees prepare
- CERT training available (contact [info@tualatincert.org](mailto:info@tualatincert.org))
  - Individual CERT training
  - Custom group training
- Visit [tualatincio.org](http://tualatincio.org), click **Commercial CIO**
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# 2022/23 Tualatin CERT Projects

- Zoom Tualatin Neighborhood Ready Prepare 1-hour Classes
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom
  - Restart in person neighborhood meetings
  - Restart Pohl Center education outreach
- Basic CERT Training Fall 2022 (hybrid)
- Basic CERT Training Spring 2023 (in person, we hope)
- Hold Community Emergency Fair – Spring 2023
  - Previous plans put on “hold” due to Covid
  - Partnership with Washington County – Quake Up
- Expand GMRS Radio Network

# Tonight's Tip – To Start Preparing

- **Distribute a family contact list**
  - Include somebody out of the area
  - Keep a printed copy
  - Update when you change your clocks!
  
- **Store emergency water**
  - 1 gallon / person / day
  - Work your way up to a 2-week supply
  - Don't forget about pets
  
- **Utilities**
  - Know when, where, and how to turn off gas

# Thank you!



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