

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst II

DATE: September 13, 2021

SUBJECT:

Tualatin Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 2020-2021 Annual Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Tualatin's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will give their annual report for 2020-2021.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Supported by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

Highlights:

- The Tualatin CERT and Ham Radio Team remained active during the pandemic shutdown, since the team membership was willing to go digital and to practice safe COVID protocols.
- Individual and neighborhood residents training (aka Tualatin Neighborhood Ready) was offered on Zoom or outside with social distancing.
- Tualatin CERT provided essential support during the February 2021 ice storm. Over 60 volunteers staffed debris drop-off sites over five days.

ATTACHMENTS:

-PowerPoint presentation Tualatin CERT 2020-2021 Annual Report