



CERT BELL HILL

PREPARING HIGHLAND HILLS TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY

To prepare for earthquakes, major storms, wild fires, major utility failure, terrorism, or nuclear attack,

The Highland Hills Community Emergency Response Team (CERT 5 or CERT Bell Hill) is partnering with



Clallam County Fire District 3 (CCFD3),



Clallam County Sheriff's Office
Emergency Management Unit (CEM),



The Map Your Neighborhood Program (MYN),



And Individual Volunteers from Highland Hills.



CERT Bell Hill is training and planning to

- minimize loss of life
- find, rescue, and treat the trapped and injured
- provide for the general welfare of the community





Don Baron is captain of CERT Bell Hill and serves the Highland Hills Maintenance Commission (HHMC) as liaison to all these emergency response groups. He provides monthly reports on emergency response activities to the HHMC Board of Trustees. HHMC helps publish reports on these activities in the Highlander, but HHMC does not manage, direct or control these groups. CERT 5 and the MYN groups are independent volunteer run groups.

Don spearheaded the formation of CERT 5 and several MYN groups. He has developed a strong working relationship with CCFD3 and CCEM. We have started building an inventory of emergency response tools and supplies. We published a “Bell Hill Earthquake Emergency Response Plan” in the Highlander in October 2017 and on the HHMC web site in the Safety and Awareness page under disaster preparedness. You can get the latest version from the CERT Bell Hill website downloads page: <http://www.certbellhill.org/downloads/>. This is a living document. It will be updated as we improve our plan. You can find a lot more information on the CERT Bell Hill web site <http://www.certbellhill.org/>.

Over the past year Highland Hills has become far better prepared to respond to disaster. But we still have lots of room for improvement.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE?

1. Get more neighborhoods into the Map Your Neighborhood program.
2. Recruit more CERT Volunteers.
3. Recruit more CERT Members.
4. Build our inventory of emergency response tools, materials, and supplies.
5. Encourage and help individuals develop household emergency preparedness plans.
6. Refine our CERT and MYN emergency plans.
7. Provide and encourage training and drills.

1. MYN

The weak link in our current overall emergency response plan is that only 3 out of the 11 neighborhoods in Highland Hills have been organized into the MYN program. We’ve seen interest from 4 other neighborhoods. We actively encouraging and assisting more neighborhoods to get organized.

Map Your Neighborhood - MYN

**Neighborhood
Disaster
Readiness**



Remember...
Immediately after
disasters, follow the 9
Steps described in this
booklet.

Building and Strengthening Disaster Readiness Among Neighbors

2. CERT Volunteers

CERT Bell Hill has defined some roles for individual volunteers with a commitment level far below that required for a CERT member. We are developing plans for utilizing emergency preparation and response volunteers at the time of an emergency. We are recruiting people to fill those roles. See below for the roles you can volunteer for now.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEER ROLES

Caretaker (Provide comfort care for the injured, handicapped, children, pets)

Communications (Monitor and report emergency communications)

Messenger (Carry messages between CERT members and residents)

Scout (survey and report neighborhood injuries and damages)

Road Management (clear and repair roads, direct emergency vehicles)

Materials management (acquire and/or distribute emergency supplies)

Food preparation and distribution (for victims and responders)

General Help (standby help at the CERT gathering area)

First Aid or Skilled Medical (medical treatment for the injured)



3. CERT Members

The fire district says we have the strongest CERT team in the district. We have about 35 members, with a few more enrolled in CERT training. But to fill all the positions for a highly functional organization, we are aiming for 45 to 50 members by the end of 2018. CERT members must take a 3 day training course. Training is done on 3 Saturdays, typically in one month but missed days can be made up in subsequent months. For more information, contact anyone on the CERT Bell Hill website <http://www.certbellhill.org/contact/> or email info@certbellhill.org.

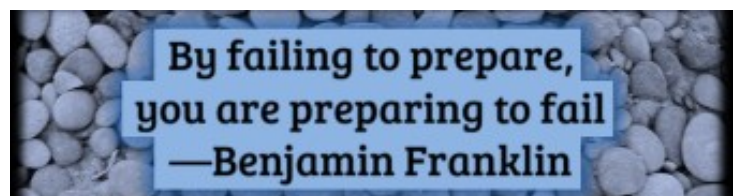
4. Tools, Materials, and Supplies

CERT needs good supplies to operate effectively. Each member needs radios, personal protective equipment, first aid supplies, and a variety of tools to carry out their mission. In addition, the team needs tools and equipment such as
Litters, backboards, tarps, and medical supplies to transport victims and set up treatment areas
Pry bars, head lamps, rescue lines, carabineers and other tools to carry out search and rescue operations
Storage containers and locations for our equipment

5. Household Emergency Preparedness

We have posted information on the HHMC Disaster Preparedness and CERT Bell Hill web sites at <http://www.hhmcsequim.org/Disaster.html> and <http://www.certbellhill.org/>

We will continue to add information there. CERT members are keen to talk to anyone about household preparedness.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

MYN

Help organize your neighborhood using the Map Your Neighborhood program. It is fun, informative and a good way to get to know your neighbors better. In a disaster, more lives are saved by neighbors than any other group. Training takes only 90 minutes. For more information, see the contact information below.

CERT

Take the CERT training course. It is free and informative and fun. Even you don't join our CERT team, it is a worthwhile experience and it will enable you to be a valuable participant in whatever role you take during an emergency. Training is three Saturdays for about 8 hours each day. This is best done in one month but you can make up missed days in following months. For more information, see the contact information below.

Volunteer

There are many ways to can help without taking any training. During an event we will need people that can

1. Be a caretaker for the injured, disabled, elderly, children and displaced pets.
2. Monitor emergency radio communications and report to the communications leader at the CERT Bell Hill command post.
3. Serve as a message runner between CERT squads and MYN groups and residents.
4. Scout the community looking for people that need help, damage to roads, homes and utilities and report your findings to the CERT leadership.
5. Help assess transport options, clear roads, and guide emergency vehicles to victims.
6. Help gather and/or distribute materials and medical supplies needed by the CERT team and MYN groups.
7. Check in at the CERT Bell Hill command post in front of 142 Owls Nest Road and ask how you can help.
8. Provide food, comfort and shelter for the emergency responders, volunteers and victims.
9. Help treat the injured.

Bear in mind that although CERT members are covered by the government for any liability arising from their actions, walk up volunteers will be depending on Good Samaritan laws to protect them.

Contribute Materials and Supplies

Contact us to find out how you can help us build our materials and supplies inventory.

Develop a Household Emergency Response Plan

Become familiar with the Bell Hill Earthquake Emergency Response Plan.

<http://www.certbellhill.org/downloads/>

Develop and keep ready a personal household plan. Make ready emergency supplies.



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