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CERT Team 5, Yankee Squad and Zulu Squad.

Here is some information for our new members to CERT Team 5. If you any questions, please let me know:

Welcome new members of CERT 5. My name is Ernylee Chamlee, and I am the team captain. I thought I would give you a little orientation about team 5.

Bell Hill CERT 5 was started in 2017. All original members lived in the Highland Hills development. As CERT grew within the Clallam County Fire District #3 area, our team grew. It now includes members on Bell Hill not in Highland Hills, in Happy Valley, in the Palo Alto Area, and even further east towards the casino. We now even have a member on the north side of Highway 101. Geographically, we are huge. We have about 50 members on the books, but only about 30 are active.

CERT TEAM 5 SQUADS

Highland Hills: This is the original team started in 2017. We are down to 2 squads, 5 Alpha and 5 Bravo. Team 5 Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at 142 Owls Nest Road.

5 ZULU Squad: We know if we have a major earthquake, the bridges will fail, and we will be cut off from those members East of the bridge at Happy Valley and Highway 101. So, our members east of that location have been designated CERT 5 Zulu Squad. They are growing and when the squad is ready, they will become their own CERT team.

5 Yankee Squad: We also designated a Yankee Squad. The main reason is because the original team in Highland Hills has been financially supported by our HOA. As the captain, I have tried to make sure that the members of our HOA know that the money they have donated to the team is primarily for equipment for our HOA neighbors.

Our Yankee Squad includes all Bell Hill members not in Highland Hills and our Happy Valley members. Happy Valley Road is our western border. Those West of Happy Valley Road are in CERT Team 9. Yankee Squad continues to meet with our CERT 5 team.

Team Meetings: Team 5 meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. We have been using Zoom since Covid started. We always use the same ZOOM meeting ID: 997 225 7870 and password 12345. KSQM has opened its facility to us for those feeling comfortable meeting there. I will ZOOM from there. I will send out a reminder each month. (Originally, we met at the 1st Security Bank in Sequim which has a beautiful meeting room and breakout rooms. But they remain closed to the public.)

Zulu Squad meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at John Worl's barn, 14 Maple Creek Lane (off Louella). This is also their ICP. Linda Enger is the Squad Leader.

You may attend either of the meetings. If you work, I know our team meetings may be difficult to attend. I can also get other CERT team meeting times and places if neither of these times work for you. Let Linda know if you wish to join the ZULU meetings, so they have a chair and handouts for you.

Communications

- Communications among our squads are on channel 22
 - We do this because channel 5 is overloaded and transmitting on Bell Hill extend out into the valley and interferes with other teams.
- Squad to Captain transmissions are on channel 6
 - we have dead spots on the Hill and with ZULU Squad.
 - HH HOA purchased an antenna/radio to help to ensure that we can communicate on the hill
 - must be staffed on top of Bell Hill.
 - need to find members willing/available to staff this position.
 - ZULU Squad have tested and may be able to relay through a different team if the antenna/radio is not staffed on Bell Hill.
 - The squads on Bell Hill will not be able to communicate with the ICP.
- The Bell Hill antenna is important for Sequim CERT ECC
 - It is needed to relay communications to other locations on channel 7.
 - The antenna/radio is capable of monitoring both channel 6 and 7, but the operator will need training. This continues to be an issue.

Cascadia Rising

June 13-17. Mark your calendars. More info coming.

Links of Interest

CCFD #3 CERT Internet Page: <https://ccfd3.org/emergency-services/community-emergency-response-teams-cert-program>

Bell Hill CERT 5 Internet Page: <https://www.certbellhill.org>

FEMA Ready website: <https://www.ready.gov/>

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