

CERT ALERT

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CERT Volunteers at West Pierce Fire and Rescue's Santa Drive Thru

In case you missed it... CERT had a van at City of Lakewood's Lights Parade!



Traffic Control Training by Sgt. Porche of the Lakewood Police Department



Be Visible!

When tasked with traffic control by CERT, wear your CERT vests, and hard hat. You may also be more visible by having glow sticks or flashlights with you to catch a driver's attention.



Keep it Simple!

When conducting traffic control, there is no need for big fancy movements. Keep it simple so that the driver's and others around you know exactly what you are trying to communicate.

Stay Calm!

Traffic control with many cars can become overwhelming. Remember that it is okay to take deep breaths. The most important thing is to remain calm, and always keep a safety-first mentality.

Remain Alert and Aware!

Always remain alert of what is going on around you: all of the cars coming through, pedestrians, and others you may be working with. Make sure you are situationally aware the entire time.



Anne Gardner, CERT 26, conducting traffic control at a Mobile Covid Testing Site in 2020.

Zoom link to Sgt Porche's Presentation: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/F634XjvAiJcDt1mVjsk0EzHbMTG3KPSa-6Mr_HCqg9GomqZsSjwgp57jCsSQJtt96BwO1TlnMVKeUm5.srwQTXOBbxIFSn_1B?autoplay=true&startTime=1635379567000

Passcode: ?+xU0AeA (Press control and click on the hyperlink to open it)

Shakeout Results

Shakeout 2020

Shakeout 2021

Team	Drill Response %	Picture Response %
East Lakewood	21%	5%
West Lakewood	21%	14%
University Place	27%	6%

Team	Drill Response %	Picture Response %
East Lakewood	49%	5%
West Lakewood	56%	19%
University Place	22%	11%

Total % Responded to the drill 22%

Total % Responded to the drill 46%

Total % who sent a picture 10%

Total % who sent a picture 11%

The 2021 Great Washington ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill, was held on October 21st at 10:21am. Looking at the Shakeout Drill responses we can see that from last year's drill to this year's drill there was more participation in both the drill response and those who sent a picture! As a Community Emergency Response Team, our communication drills help us to get ready for any disaster or emergency that might happen. Thank you to everyone who participated this year, and with our response percentage going up, I am looking forward to the next drill!

We love to see all of your Shakeout Selfies every year, Shakeout Selfies! check them out:



David Louie, CERT 25



Logan Wight, CERT 44



Tom Cramer, CERT 41



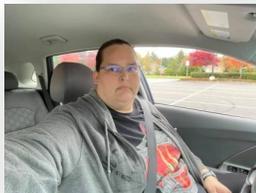
Julie Collins, CERT 25



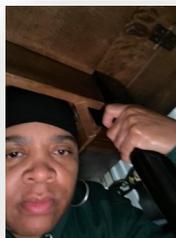
John Machado, CERT 41



Roger Ansteth, CERT 4



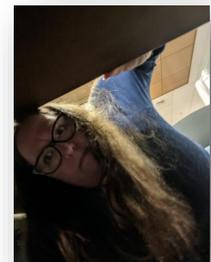
Tami McKerrow, CERT 44



Sharon Winesberry, CERT 17



Shawn Hill, CERT 42



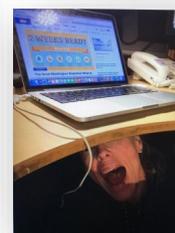
Kelly Groenwold, CERT 37



Dana Lockhart, CERT 22



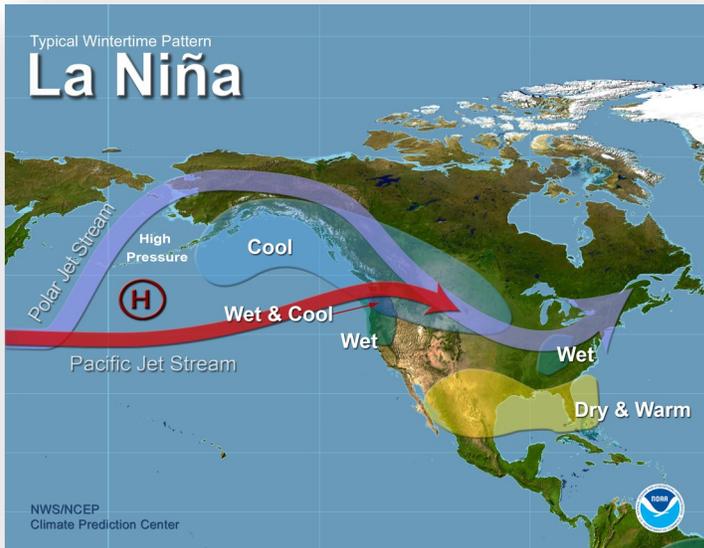
Sue Hawkins, CERT 36



Lia Knight-Burton, CERT 44



Weather Presentation- Meteorologist Ted Buehner



- * La Niña is below normal sea surface temperatures in the central and Eastern Pacific equatorial waters
- * La Niña conditions are anticipated this winter
- * La Niña winters historically produce more snow in the Pacific NW.

Current Seasonal Outlook:

- * Temperatures: Good odds on cooler than August this winter
- * Precipitation: the odds favor a wetter than average fall and winter
- * Mountain snowpack: solid odds on a healthy snowpack
- * Lowland snow is much more likely
- * Snow events: there could be more moisture in the snow which can cause

Information from the quiz:

- * What does the winter seasonal outlook mean for Western Washington?
 - cooler than average temperatures
 - greater likelihood of flooding
 - good chances for lowland snow
 - more rain than usual
- * A warmer global air mass means the air can hold more moisture
- * 2021 thus far around the world has been a year of fire and rain
- * The 2010s was the warmest decade in recorded history
- * A heat dome is the result of strong high pressure aloft, and descending air from aloft, warming the air mass near the surface
- * La Niña is the result of cooler than average sea surface temperatures off the coast of Peru

View Ted Buehner's Presentation here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/3jULZ7cPvoHzbnWYHexzo-QeGU7qjtDxgcWun5NyoAw0mX6c6fBl_KI-Fxa3dKaliglCq9AZ7ndXJgTx.PgXD795vmiYrmd7C?autoplay=true&startTime=1637632899000

Need new CERT Gear?



Products

The CERT clothing store will be open now until the end of February at <https://www.westpiercecet.com>

NEW: Grab a CERT Hat!



Rain, rain go away... or grab a CERT rain jacket to protect you from the rain at least

We still have the CERT basics, and for women we have a new women's fit V-neck!





Resolve to be Ready



Are you and your pets prepared?

- * Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster
- * Put your name and contact info on your pet's ID tag
- * Remember your pets when creating your go kits, and make sure you have supplies for your furry friend



Are you ready for this Winter season?

- * Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- * Keep a go kit in your car
- * Get extra batteries for radios and flashlights in case the power goes out

Simple steps you can take to get prepared as part of your New Year's Resolution

- * Sign up for Pierce County ALERT to receive important alerts to your phone: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/921/Pierce-County-ALERT>
- * Snap photos of important documents and save them somewhere safe
- * Start group text message threads with family members so that you can quickly reach out to your loved ones
- * Pick an out of area contact if you haven't already
- * Use the beginning of the year to go through your emergency kits and see if there is anything that needs to be replaced or added

Important Dates

* **Pierce County FAST Presentation—January 19th @5:30 via Zoom**

Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST) work during pre-incident planning and coordinate with agencies during disasters to ensure that people with access and functional needs are accommodated in general population emergency shelters. Attend the Zoom to learn more about FAST in Pierce County!

Please email Serena to register. Zoom link will be sent out closer to the presentation date.

* **Emergency Food Network Repack Project —February 2nd from 12pm-2:30pm**

Join your fellow CERT members to repack bulk items into smaller portions to distribute to local food pantries.

Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis. Please email Serena to sign up.



Thank you CERT for your continuing positivity and understanding during these trying times. While we are patiently awaiting the day that we can hold in person trainings again, we appreciate all of our CERT members for being so understanding and participating in the capacity that you can. There are not enough thank yous that we can give to our amazing volunteers.

Goodbye 2021, and hello 2022!



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