

What Has CERT Been Up To?



Picture of Fire Safety Drill—CERT 44

Since the last newsletter, Rachel put out an email calling all CERT Sewers to make masks for First Responders if they had time. We had an amazing turnout of CERT Volunteers taking time out of their day to make these masks! Keep reading for more stories about how fellow CERT members are spending their time, highlights from CERT 45, an online training opportunity and a new activity!

WP CERT Social Distancing Bingo

Learned a new skill	Checked in on a neighbor	Reviewed a medical	Cleared as a resident of Boreasom	Emailed back your Team Leader (If you are a team leader- If you emailed your team to check in)
Facetimed or called family member or friend	Used something from your preparedness kit	Tried a new recipe	Put on something other than pajamas	Posted something positive on social media
Added something to your preparedness kit	Read a book	FREE	Gave some hair	Ordered food/grocery delivery
Go phone free for 2 hours	Did an act of kindness for someone	Checked out a television	Found a different volunteer opportunity	Had someone canceled because of the virus
Consistently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds each time!	Distanced yourself	Stayed home, especially when you felt sick	Practiced your emergency family plan	Congratulated someone

Last week we had a Bingo Activity, you have until April 18th to submit it.

The winner will be announced at the end of next week's newsletter.

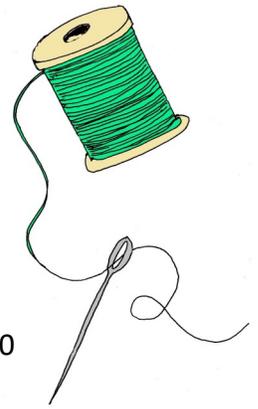
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Calling All CERT Sewers!



We called on our CERT members to help us make cloth masks for first responders to wear around the stations, and our awesome volunteers certainly delivered! Over 250 masks were made for West Pierce Fire & Rescue by our volunteers.

Thank you to Shelli and Lee Scifers, Neely Sipes, Tami McKerrow and “Mary Ball Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution” for your time and willingness to help during this time!



Shelli (CERT 44) and Lee Scifers (CERT 45) donated 48 homemade masks for our first responders.

Neely Sipes and her son Nick (CERT 42) donated 10 masks and 2 bottles of hand sanitizer!



Tami McKerrow (CERT 44) and the “Mary Ball Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution” donated 249 masks!

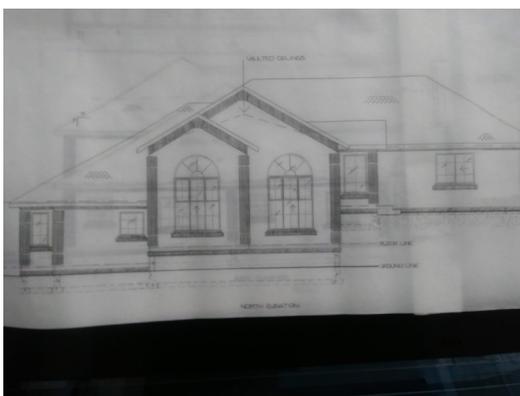
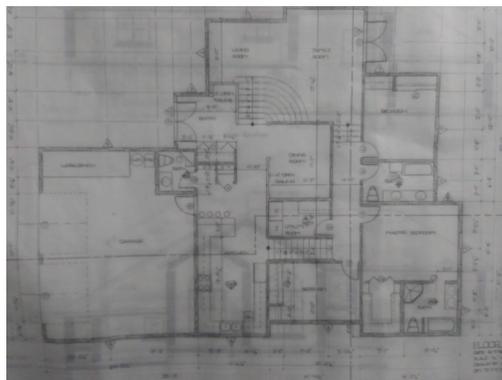
**Kimberly Fleury—
CERT 28**

Hello to all members of our CERT families. I first want to let everyone now how even through these days of isolation are difficult, it sure appears to be making a difference.

First off my dog, KINLEY is giving me the eye these days," wondering why are you home all day, everyday. I've never got this much attention in my little life." She's a wonderful comfort. But as you can see from her picture, grooming is certainly on our list of things to do when life returns to normal.

I also went back to an old pass time of Architectural Design. Here are a few pictures of a design I did, called THE CONNER. I hope their enjoyable to glance at.

Everyone be safe, and give your animals that extra love, they do return it.



**Keep sharing your acts of
service, kindness, hobbies,
and ways you are stay happy
and healthy through this
Stay at Home order!**

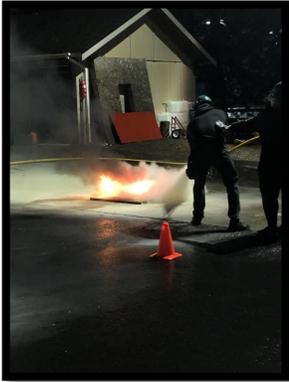
Stay home.



Stay healthy.

CERT 45

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we had to suspend our CERT 45 classes until further notice. We reached Disaster Medical 1 before the order came out that we had to postpone the rest of the classes.



We had a blast learning how to put out small fires during fire safety class.

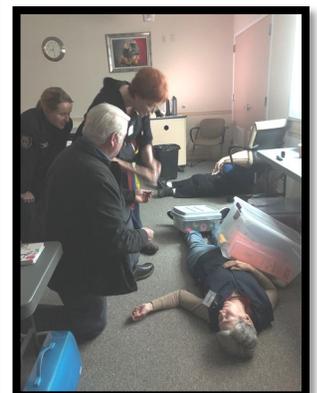


On the first day of class, CERT 45 participated in the Tower activity, learning about how quickly plans and how to adapt and change plans while still working as a team.



The first three classes were filled with a lot of learning and fun.

During Disaster Medical 1, CERT 45 practiced how to use tourniquets, and how to triage survivors after a disaster.



Disaster Preparedness Day 2020

DPD was supposed to be April 18th but was canceled due to COVID-19. DPD is one of our biggest public events of the year where we are able to talk with hundreds of citizens about the importance of being prepared. Here is a look back at past events! (I, Rachel, take full responsibility for the lack of pictures and the quality, You all know me, once I get talking about preparedness ...)



2014



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On April 16, 2020 Rachel sent out an email to CERT Volunteers that shared a free online training about COVID-19. These are awareness-level classes that help us learn more about COVID-19. Lessons include: Common Sense Hygiene, Coronavirus Preparedness, Stay Calm, Stay Informed, and Travel Safely.

This week's Activity: A Scavenger Hunt!

It is time to go through your house and find all the water sources you have right now if a disaster were to hit and our water supply shut off. Do you have water bottles? Ice cubes in the freezer? A hot water tank? We want to see what you have! Take a picture of the water you have stored in your house and email to Serena.Rotondo@westpierce.org to be entered to win a preparedness prize. Entries are due by April 23, 2020, and the winner will be announced in next week's newsletter on April 24, 2020.

