

CERT ALERT

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CERT booth with preparedness information at Duck Daze, University Place. 6/4/22



CERT 46 on Drill Day . 6/18/22



West Pierce CERT giving out preparedness information and first aid supplies at Healthy Kids Day at the Lakewood YMCA on 4/23/22.



Anne Gardner, CERT 26 and Wendy Huber, CERT 35 playing volunteer survivors at the CERT 46 Drill!

Welcome, CERT 46!

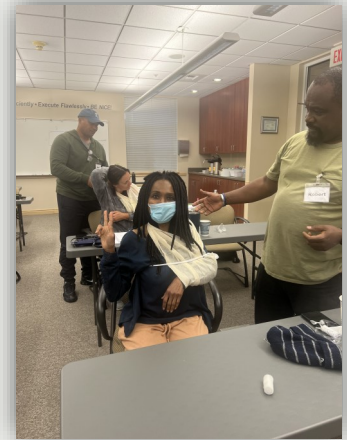
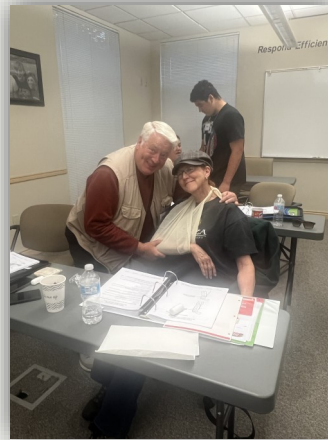
In March of 2020, West Pierce had to shut down CERT 45 in the middle of the session due to Covid-19. It took over two years for us to be able to safely hold another Basic CERT class, but we did it! CERT 46 ran from May 31st –June 18th. We had a smaller class which created a very intimate learning environment and was a great way to restart our CERT program after a long hiatus!



Two of our new CERT Instructors: Lance Nelson and Matt Owens demonstrating the proper buddy technique when using a fire extinguisher



CERT 46 practicing Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep (PASS)



CERT 46 practicing disaster medical skills



New instructors, Haley Harn and Dave Emmons with Battalion Chief Mark Giron demonstrating bandaging a wound



Practical skills being applied at Drill Day



Meet the Moulage Artists for West Pierce's CERT Drill

Kevin Ransier and Steph Pollard



Kevin started doing moulage in June of 2018 and his very first event was at West Pierce! He was given the nickname "Bruiser".

Kevin was exposed to moulage during his Wilderness First Responder Training and after seeing people moulaged he decided he wanted to learn how to do that! He has done moulage for CERT, SWAT teams, a prison, and a Hospital drill from Everett to Grays Harbor. EMT training helped him with some of the wounds and symptoms he uses for the actors.

Steph was exposed to moulage at a CERT event in 2018 and wanted to learn how to use makeup to create these realistic looking wounds. Since they know there is a strong value associated with having actors moulaged during exercises, they treat moulage as a hobby and never charge for services.



Moulage Wound by Kevin Ransier and Steph Pollard on Kelly Groenwold, CERT 37 featuring Judith Browne, CERT 3 in the back!

What is Moulage?

Moulage is the art of applying mock injuries using makeup for training purposes.

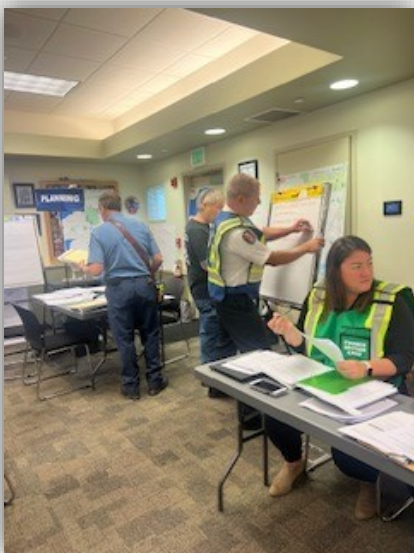


Bob Johnston, CERT 29 playing a volunteer survivor with head wounds

West Pierce CERT is thankful to have dedicated Moulage Artists, Kevin Ransier and Steph Pollard who are willing to show up early on Drill Day and create life like injuries so our CERT members can put their skills to the test.



West Pierce Fire & Rescue participated in the Cascadia Rising Exercise on June 14th by setting up the Department Operations Center. On June 15th, the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition set up the Emergency Operations Center and practiced what they might do 96 hours into a disaster.



On June 14th, West Pierce Fire & Rescue set up the Department Operations Center (DOC) for a major earthquake exercise. This is the physical location where resource requests are made and filled to support the “boots on the ground. “ At 0800, West Pierce personnel started setting up the required sections: Incident Command (overall boss of DOC actions), Operations (supports the immediate needs for the response efforts) Planning (Supports Ops. and plans for the next operational period) Logistic (procures requested resources) and Finance & Admin (ensures resources can be paid for and accurate tracking all personnel time). Once set up, the DOC players were given injects to start the exercise. Injects are simulated information from the field to the DOC for the players to prioritize bases on the current operational goals. The DOC drill was a great exercise for WPFR personnel, as the various positions were new for most folks. Continual training is how WPFR ensures effective response for the community.

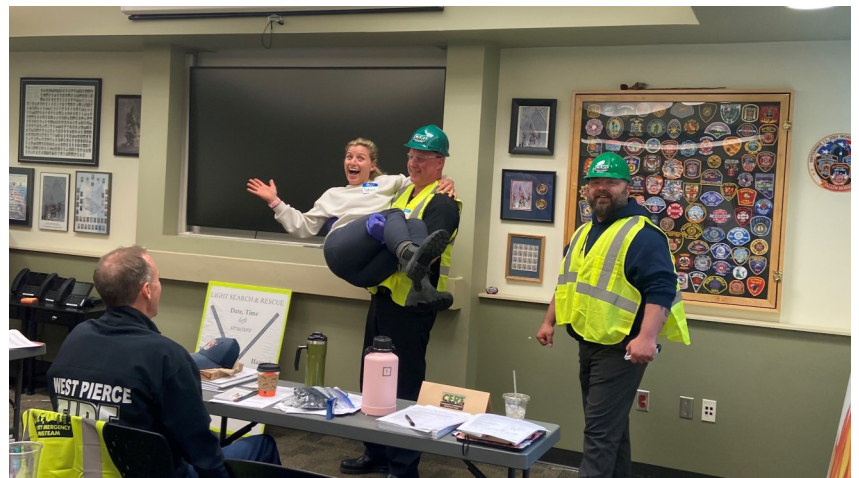
On June 15th, the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition (WPEMC) the Emergency Operation Center (EOC). The Coalition consists of West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City of Lakewood, City of University Place, and the Town of Steilacoom. Personnel from all of these entities gathered to practice what they would do 96 hours into a major earthquake response. The priorities 96 hours in were mass sheltering, transportation, and mass care. WPEMC worked together to ensure a coordinated response and were able to share their field knowledge with those around them to come up with viable solutions to the problems that were being thrown at them.



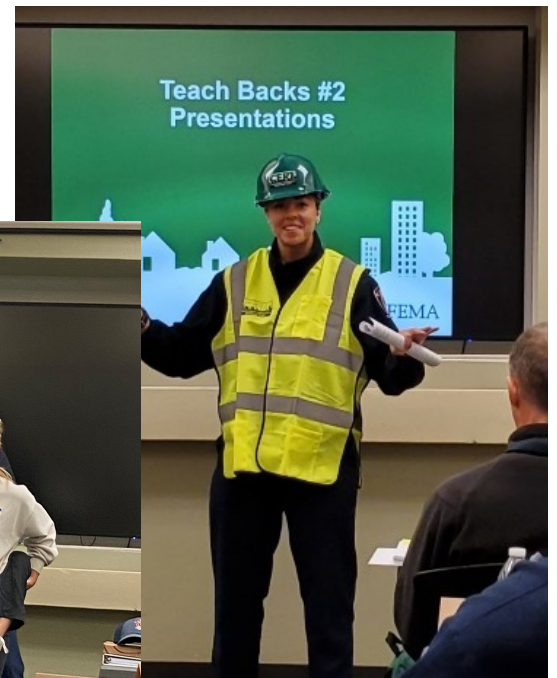
These collaborative exercises help to cultivate relationships within the WPEMC, which in turn benefits the whole community. When we train together, we respond better together, just like in CERT. By conducting regular trainings and holding larger scale EOC exercises, we can ensure that everyone's skills are kept up to date and new personnel are able to practice.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue hosts a CERT Train-the-Trainer Course.

May 18-20, WPFR hosted a CERT Train-the-Trainer Course taught by the State Coordinator. The class held 16 students, representing WPFR, City of Puyallup, City of Tacoma, Mason County, Anderson Island Fire, and Othello Police Department. After 23 hours of training, 5 new WPFR CERT instructors graduated summa cum laude, ready to prepare our community members for any emergency. In the classes, students gain hands-on skills such as: how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, perform light search and rescue, and organize using ICS. Be sure to welcome our new instructors when you see them: BC Lance Nelson, Captain Chris Pfaff, Captain Matt Owens, FF/PM Haley Harn, FF/PM Solvieg Waterfall, CERT Coordinator Serena Rotondo.



Clockwise: Solvieg and Lance, Haley, Solvieg and Matt carrying Serena, Serena after her teach back!, and Chris Pfaff



Check out the schedule for our next CERT Class!



C.E.R.T

(Community Emergency Response Team)

Fall Training Session

September 27-October 15



West Pierce Fire & Rescue invites citizens who live or work in the Lakewood and University Place area to attend our next session of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes. Aimed at preparing groups of citizens in our community to prepare for and respond to disasters, the classes will follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and offered in cities across the United States. The idea behind this model is to teach people in neighborhoods how to help each other in the first few minutes or hours following a disaster – before emergency responder are able to get to them to render professional help. In the classes, student will gain hands-on skills such as how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, and perform light search and rescue.

The series of six classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, from 6:00 – 9:00pm, and will culminate in a practical exercise to be held on a Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Classes will be held at Fire District locations – see location notes below for each class. Instructors will be uniformed Firefighters with special experience in the particular area, or subject matter experts from other areas. The classes are **free**!

Tuesday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Thursday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
September 27 Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20</i> 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	September 29 Fire Safety <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21</i> 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW	
October 4 Disaster Medical 1 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20</i> 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	October 6 Disaster Medical 2 <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20</i> 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	
October 11 Light Search & Rescue <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21</i> 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW	October 13 CERT Organization & CERT Psychology <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 20</i> 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	October 15 EXERCISE <i>Location: WPFR Fire Station 21</i> 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW

We will accept up to 25 students in this series of classes. There is no prerequisite, other than a desire to learn and help others. It is important that if you enroll, you be available to attend all sessions to receive the CERT certificate. To enroll, contact West Pierce Fire & Rescue at (253) 983-4580 or cert@westpierce.org.



8 AM - 5 PM | SEPT 17-18
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE
16TH AVE & NOB HILL BLVD
YAKIMA, WA

2022
**Northwest
Citizen Corps
Expo**

Join fellow disaster response volunteers for a weekend filled with free trainings and skills refreshers.

Topics include:

- CERT Skill Task Refresher
- First Aid/CPR
- Radio Communication
- Light Search & Rescue
- And Much, Much, More!

Register and pick your sessions
<https://tinyurl.com/5a2ru66h>.

Questions?
Email celso.rangel@ofm.wa.gov



Moulage



*Disaster
Planning for
Animals*



Survivor Transport

FREE ADMISSION



SERVE WASHINGTON



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Emergency Food Network Repack Project (several dates) Volunteers needed– to sign up please email Rachel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, July 21, 9am-11:30am • Saturday, August 13, 12pm-2:30pm • Thursday August 18, 12pm-2:30pm
SummerFest at Fort Steilacoom Park 8 Volunteers needed—to sign up please email Rachel *Shift One: 11-2PM *Shift Two: 2-6PM	July 23rd, 2022 11-6PM
Quarterly Training-Cribbing at Station 21 Drill Grounds To sign up, email Rachel	July 27th, 2022 , 5:30-7:30PM
Emotional Support and Mental Health Skills Exercise for Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps Trauma Resilience Team They need role players for the exercise. There are two shifts: * Shift One is from 10am-12pm * Shift Two is from 12:30pm-2:30pm Please email Verna to register: vlilly@tpchd.org	July 30th, 2022
National Night Out	August 2nd, 2022
Northwest Citizen Corps Expo at Yakima Valley College Register at https://tinyurl.com/5a2ru66h	September 17-18, 2022 (See page 6)
Fall Safety Day at Station 21	October 22nd , from 10am -1 PM



For Summer Preparedness tips check out: <https://www.ready.gov/heat> for information on how to stay safe in the heat!

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