

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: P-2
DATE: April 8, 2010
SUBJECT: Recognition of CERT Graduates
CONTACT PERSON: Jeff Brand, Police Chief

ISSUE:

The issue is to recognize over 30 community members who have completed Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT).

SUMMARY:

City staff have been working with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management and PUD and many others to prepare for disasters which could affect our business, citizens and cities.

While we recognize the City of Sultan's responsibility to prepare for disasters and help our citizens recover from these events, experience has repeatedly proven that it normally takes about 72 hours for government agencies to a mast the needed resources to begin rescue and recovery efforts.

Last year Mayor Carolyn Eslick directed staff to begin work with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, developing a Citizen Emergency Response Team or CERT Training Program. CERT is a nationally recognized program with is generally taught by DEM and fire department members and is meant to help citizens fill the gap of time between when a disaster occurs and when government resources can mobilize to begin rescue and recovery efforts.

On Friday February 12th Steven Hagberg and other members of DEM began teaching 32 citizens from Sultan, Gold Bar and East Snohomish County the seven week CERT course.

During the seven weeks, members of DEM and Snohomish County Fire District 5 taught citizens in a number of topics including disaster preparedness, basic first aid, working with fire extinguishers and much more.

The culmination of the course was a final “practical exercise” and Saturday March 27th, when CERT students processed four hazardous situations and completed triage on a number of victim actors.

These citizen volunteers have expressed an interest in continuing their training to be a valuable resource during disasters in and around Sultan so we are already planning future practical exercise events.

We are here to recognize the members of Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Fire District 5, Sultan who taught our citizens over the last month and a half and to recognize the 32 citizens, including Sultan Council members Steve Slawson, Kristina Blair and Sarah Davenport-Smith who have given up their valuable time to prepare for an emergency and serve our citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Sultan pays a yearly assessment to be members of Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management so this class did not cost Sultan anything. Because DEM had received a grant in 2009, the preparedness kits supplied to all of our volunteers were free to them.

ATTACHMENT

A – Sultan CERT Participants and Trainers

Sultan CERT Participants

Rosa	Aguirre
Holly	Archer
Joan	Bettis
Roy	Bettis
Kristina	Blair
Wendy	Carroll
Ray	Coleman
Sarah	Davenport-Smith
Mary	Graham - Comerford
Donna	Grier
Sean	Grier
Deanna	Guay
Matthew	Guay
Karren	Hall
Susie	Hollenbeck
Doreen	Hrabovsky
Cathy	Karlsen
Liz	Kirkman
Kenda	Machorro
Issy	Machorro
Aaron	McCann
Janet	Peterson
Robert	Peterson
Debbie	Powers
Donna	Rice
Mike	Richardson

Renee	Richardson
Erica	Sharp
Robin	Shaw
Steve	Slawson
Susan	St Laurent
Rosalee	Wilcox
Chris	Wright

Sultan CERT Instructional Cadre

Randy	Fay	DEM
Dianne	Pringle	DEM
Laura	Sparr	DEM
Tim	Tullis	FD5
Andrew		FD5
Kim		FD5
Therese	Quinn	SHD
Denise	Beaston	Gold Bar
Kim Easter	DEM	
Lt. Scott Clark		FD5
Jason Gwilt		FD5
Chris Shroy		FD5
Rachel Kerwin		FD5
Karen Clark		FD5
Lt. Ron Bertholf		FD5
Terry Weaver		FD5
Karen Clark		FD5