

Greetings volunteers,

Highlights

The CERT program has taken a breather for the holidays but will be back in 2024. See below for a quick summary of planned events by months. Note that the summary includes events from a number of Eastside CERT programs. To avoid duplication and provide a regional cooperative effort to bring CERTs together, some Issaquah events are open to all neighboring CERTs and some Eastside events are open to Issaquah CERTs.

Keep an eye on the website, <https://issaquahcert.org> and these updates for additional details and/or new eastside events as they develop.

Summary of Proposed 2024 CERT Program

January-February

- >**Redmond High School CERT disaster simulation**, Saturday, Jan. 6. Stay tuned for more information.
- >**CPR/AED/FA class** is scheduled for Issaquah CERTs on Jan. 13 at Public Works Operations. Attendees will receive the ASHI card to achieve or maintain emergency worker status. Register at [SignUpGenius](#)
- >**Stop the Bleed** class(s), open to CERTs and the public. Stay tuned for SignUpGenius registration in early January.
- >**Train the Trainer course**, Redmond, Jan. 23-25. Email [Albi Pacewicz](#) for details.

March-April

- >For CERT hams, the **Mike and Key Ham Fest** in Puyallup will be Saturday, March 9.
- >Issaquah's **Spring CERT training** will start on Tuesday, March 12 and continue twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 4. The final disaster simulation will be on Saturday, April 6. Next Steps will be scheduled later. All classes and the final drill will be at Issaquah Public Works Operations.
- >**Carnation/Duvall CERT training** will be scheduled soon, but their final disaster simulation will be held jointly with Issaquah on April 6.
- >**Stop the Bleed** will be scheduled soon after the Spring CERT training is completed. Stay tuned.
- >A 3-hour **Search and Rescue exercise** may also be scheduled soon after the Spring CERT training to complement the short S&R/Medical Assessment stations in the final disaster simulation in the CERT Training.
- >For CERT hams, a **5th Saturday drill** will be held the morning of March 30, sponsored by King County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services).

May-June

- >**Redmond CERT disaster simulation**, Saturday, May 11. Stay tuned for details or email [Albi Pacewicz](mailto:Albi.Pacewicz@redmond.gov).
- >Potential **City Wildfire Evacuation exercise** is planned, and CERTs will be involved. Details should be available in early 2024. Stay tuned.
- >For CERT hams, a **5th Saturday drill** will be held the morning of June 29, sponsored by King County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services).

July-August

- >**Bellevue CERT "dispersed event"**, from July 19 to July 21. Details will follow. Stay tuned.

Summer is always slow, so check the website periodically for any developments.

September-October

- >The **Fall 2024 CERT training** will likely be a four-week course with two classes per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Issaquah Public Works Operations, 670 1st Ave. NE, Issaquah 98027. Stay tuned for the final schedule later this year.
- >The annual **Rapid Impact Survey** exercise will be scheduled in late August or September. New maps and directions should be available for testing by the CERT teams and new radio-based tracking will also be tested. This may replace the normal 5th Saturday drill sponsored by King County ARES.
- >**Bellevue Fall CERT training** - dates and times not scheduled yet. Stay tuned.

November-December

- >**Stop the Bleed** will be scheduled soon after the Fall CERT training is completed. Stay tuned.
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- >For CERT hams, a **5th Saturday drill** will be held the morning of November 30, sponsored by King County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services).

Check periodically for updates and additional details on our website, <http://ww1.issaquahcitizencorps.org>