

Greetings volunteers,

Highlights

September and October are busy months. Here are the highlights, but see below for details.

- > Last call for the NW Citizen Corps Expo - this weekend, September 16-17.
- > Carnation/Duvall will have their annual fall drill on Saturday, September 23. Issaquah CERTs and ICST are invited.
- > The Rapid Impact Survey Exercise is scheduled for September 30 in conjunction with King county's 5th Saturday EmComm drill.
- > Salmon Days is October 7 and 8 and we will need volunteers to help at our booth. Sign up below.
- > The Fall CERT course starts October 3. Classes will run be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for four weeks culminating with the Final Disaster Simulation on Saturday, October 28.
- > Eastside Fire and Rescue continues to work on their Wildfire Assessment Program for 2023 and may request assistance from the CERTs. Stay tuned.

Keep an eye on the website, [Issaquah Citizen Corps](#), for updates or new events as they occur.

Current 2023 Program

Last Call for NW Citizen Corps Expo - September 16-17

The NW Citizen Corps Expo is a free event filled with hands-on workshops and info sessions with skills you can use to volunteer during a disaster including CPR/AED/FA and Stop the Bleed. The expo takes place Sept. 16-17 at Edmonds College in Lynnwood, with an additional meeting for CERT program managers on the 15th. [Read full session descriptions](#) and/or [Register and pick your courses](#). Deadline to register is Sept. 1 or until all spots are filled, whichever comes first.

Learn about basic triage, your role in the incident command system, radio communications, emergency planning for animal response, CPR/first aid/NARCAN training and more! The event wraps up with a disaster simulation drill to practice what you've learned.

Carnation/Duvall Annual Fall Drill - September 23

Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps Council will be hosting their annual fall drill at the Tolt Middle School on Saturday, September 23rd 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. They want to welcome CERT, HAM and MRC volunteers from neighboring communities to come refresh their skills and team building. The exercise will be outside at times so please dress accordingly. Bring any gear and equipment you normally would to support your role with your group (badges, CERT vest and helmet, HAM radio...)

To register please send an email to Kathy Brasch at info@cdccc.us with your name, phone number, and group you represent.

Rapid Impact Survey Exercise, 5th Saturday EmComm Drill - Sept. 30

September is National Preparedness Month and September 30th is a 5th Saturday EmComm event. We will run our Rapid Impact Survey (RIS) Exercise in conjunction with the 5th Saturday Communications EmComm Drill from 9:00-12:00. We will gather at Public Works Operations and CERTs will drive the RIS routes, document and report simulated damages to the Issaquah Communications Support Team using various means of communications. We will be testing new maps and checklists, so feedback is a key objective. Everyone is invited to participate, whether you are new or experienced with RIS.

At the completion of the exercise, our new emergency manager, Jared Schneider, will join us and is planning to hand out emergency worker cards to all emergency workers whose EW cards have expired and who have completed their CPR training and background checks. Lunch will also be provided.

Please use [SignUpGenius](#) to register.

Salmon Days - October 7 & 8

Salmon Days, Issaquah's award-winning event which celebrates the return of the salmon to their birthwaters, will be held on the first full weekend in October. ICC will host a booth to showcase the CERT program. Over 200,000 people consistently attend [Salmon Days](#), and it is a key source for gaining participants in the next year's CERT training program.

CERTs can help by volunteering at the ICC booth for one of three shifts on both Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 7 and 8) from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Sign up to help recruit new CERTs at [SignUpGenius](#).

Fall CERT Training and Final Disaster Simulation October 3 - 28

The Fall 2023 CERT training will 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. Classes will start on October 3 and continue through Oct. 26. The final disaster simulation will be on October 28 with a follow-up class on November 2 to discuss next steps for the new CERTs in Issaquah, King County and Washington State.

See the website for more details, <http://ww1.issaquahcitizencorps.org/cert.html>.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Wildfire Assessment Program - Summer Events

Waiting to hear from Eastside Fire and Rescue on their request for Issaquah CERT volunteers to help support their Wildfire Assessment Program for 2023. Three opportunities include:

1. Windshield surveys to assess home ignition zones for mitigation - these are visual-only surveys and training will be given to those who want to participate.
2. Follow-up Surveys to assist in documenting recommended mitigation measures from home inspections by EF&R.
3. Chipper/Debris Days where volunteers will assist EF&R staff to help ensure success of events. Stay tuned for more details to follow as soon as they are finalized.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.