EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER CORPS of NEHALEM BAY
PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

NATIONAL TSUNAMI HAZARD MITIGATION CONFERENCE
INTRODUCTION

The Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay has been identified as one of the MOST VISIONARY, INNOVATIVE, AND ORGANIZED local emergency preparedness groups in Oregon.
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THE EVCNB’S MISSION

TO PROMOTE A CULTURE OF PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE
How did we grow from an idea in 2007 into a volunteer led and run organization made up of more than 300 inspired and motivated emergency prep and response volunteers?
WE KNEW THAT WE WERE ON OUR OWN!

HOW TO RESPOND?
EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER CORPS OF NEHEM BAY

RISK

EASILY ISOLATION

WINTER STORMS AND LANDSLIDES

AND, OF COURSE…….. THE CASCADIA EVENT

VULNERABLE POPULATION
OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

PRESIDENT
LINDA KOSLOWSKI

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MARGARET STEELE

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MARGARET STEELE

EMCOMM
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GOALS

CREATE a culture of personal preparedness

PARTNER with municipal agencies to ensure community resilience

PROVIDE expanded and surge support for our emergency responders
HOW PREPARED ARE WE REALLY?

HOW DO YOU MEASURE PREPAREDNESS?
COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY: SELF EVALUATION OF PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

14% of our community felt well-prepared

60% of our community felt moderately prepared
REVISED METHODOLOGY

- **TEACH** personal preparedness courses in small groups
- **DEMONSTRATE** and promote community emergency preparations with drills, assembly site expansion and ready shelters
- **ESTABLISH** regional guidelines for a well-prepared community
- **SUPPORT** emergency responders proactively
BY 2017 OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• To our knowledge, **ONLY** mass care plan in state

• Working closely with DOGAMI, expanded our Assembly Sites so that everyone can get all assembly sites **WITHIN 10 MINUTES** from inundation zones

• **EXPANDED CLASSES** to include: EmComm (YR101 and YR102), Shelter in Place (Camping at Home), Personal Emergency Medical strategy, developed a PYN 101—Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ATC20/ Critical Structures, Water Sanitation and Hygiene for personal preparation and Wayfinding (Getting to High Ground)

• Expanded Map Your Neighborhood to more effective **NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR**

• **REGIONAL AGREEMENT** on Mission, Vision for Community Preparedness and Resilience

• **OEM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT** to develop sustainability strategy
DIVISIONS

MOBILIZING AND TRAINING OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER RESPONSE

NHN: NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
EMCOMM: HAM AND BAOFENG YELLOW RADIO
MRC: MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
SHELTERS: SHELTERING AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER
WaSH: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE
CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
WAYFINDING: EVACUATE TO SAFETY
GO BAGS: SURVIVAL ESSENTIALS
After a major disaster, our communities may be forced to “go it alone” for an extended period of time. Local emergency responders will be overwhelmed. Organizing your neighborhood will help you – and neighbors – survive. Help organize your neighborhood. EVCNB can help.
A “Go Bag” is an emergency bag filled with the essential items you will need to survive for three days during a disaster. This bag may be all you have.

Prepare a Go Bag light enough to carry, and keep it up to date. EVCNB can help.
Your small, hand-held “yellow radio” will be among the most powerful tools you have in a disaster - connecting you to critical information, emergency help, family and friends.

Have a Yellow Radio, learn to use it in a Yellow Radio class and practice, practice, practice!
We know from other natural disasters that clean water and adequate hygiene are absolutely critical to survival. Take a WaSH class, have the right gear, be prepared.
During a disaster and depending on where you live, sheltering in your home—even if it is damaged—may be your best option. You may need to know where community emergency shelters will be located. Learn about and prepare for your shelter – at home or in a community facility.
After an earthquake and before a tsunami hits you will have extremely limited time to get to a safe location. Know your routes to safety wherever you are. Practice with neighbors and co-workers.
CERT volunteers are trained and equipped to support first responders during an emergency or disaster. Take our training course, become a certified CERT volunteer and help expand our ability to respond to disasters.
During a disaster, access to medical care will be limited. Prepare a personal First Aid Kit for your medical needs, have a month’s supply of prescription medications, learn basic First Aid. Volunteer your medical skills to help our community be prepared.
Convener for Local Government Agencies

Engaging our cities and agencies to make sure we are focused and aligned

- Cities: Manzanita, Nehalem, Wheeler
- Fire District
- School District
- Waster Water District
- Clinics
- Coast Guard
- Ports
On October 14, 2016 at 8:18, an EF-2 tornado with winds of 125-130 mph hit downtown Manzanita, causing mass damage and chaos.

How did 8 years of training pay off?
2016 TORNADO RESPONSE

DIVISION RESPONSE SUMMARY

CERT
42 CERTS ON SCENE WITHIN 30 MINUTES TO SUPPORT POLICE, FIRE, AND PUBLIC WORKS

EMCOMM
SET UP NET CONTROL TO SYSTEMATICALLY CONVEY INFORMATION FROM INCIDENT COMMAND

PYN
PROVIDED SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS OF DAMAGE WHICH FOCUSED RESPONSE

SHELTER TEAM
SET UP COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THOSE WHOSE HOMES HAD BEEN DAMAGED

RED CROSS
HAD SHELTER TEAM ON STANDBY

MRC
HAD MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ON STANDBY FOR COMMUNITY CENTER AND SHELTER RESPONSE

REHAB
PROVIDED FOOD FOR RESPONDERS
NEXT STEPS

MAIN CONCERN:
How would we shelter a large number of people for an extended period of time?

THE MASS CARE PLAN IS OUR ROADMAP... BUT LOTS OF WORK YET TO DO!
TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH...

THE GOOD NEWS IS ANYONE CAN DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE!

NEEDS

- THREAT
- A DEDICATED TEAM
- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- ENGAGING & INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES
CHALLENGES

SUSTAINABILITY

LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION

FUNDING