



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

April – June 2026

Promoting Public Awareness of CERT

All our Teams are feeling the need to recruit more members. Normal attrition requires that we must continue to attract and train new volunteers. Our CERT Program has recently added to our membership rolls a marketing professional, Erin Kirkland. Erin has observed that our CERT Program's social media presence has not quite reached our target audience. Moreover, our “word of mouth” advertising hasn’t kept up with our need to keep 17 teams fully staffed. That needs changing.

With Erin’s and Ernylee’s leadership, our CERT Program is now undertaking a major push toward an expanded social media presence. We’re going to market CERT, and every CERT member can help it happen.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27DNdiSUMOI>

For example, our Program has a Facebook "group" identity called “Sequim CERT.” Sequim CERT will regularly post announcements, photos, video clips, contact information, class dates and useful advice to our local public. The goal is to ensure everyone in the Sequim Operational Area becomes well aware of CERT.

Every CERT member can help to advance our community service program. Specifically, we ask that if you use Facebook, please search and find Sequim CERT, and “follow” it. When you see that a new post has come available, then “like” “comment” and “share” it. The more interactive “hits” and activity that Sequim CERT generates, the Facebook algorithm responds by expanding its distribution numbers to contact more people.

We also expect to introduce our CERT Program on YouTube and Instagram as well. Let’s roll!



Clallam Ready Sequim News

CRS 2026 Calendar
[\(click image to open\)](#)



The CRS team has been on the move since March. Check out our Calendar to see where we've been (a few photos below) and where we're headed. First Aid (FA) and Food Ready (FR) workshops are in high demand. Contact us soon to sign up. We are also pleased to announce a few upcoming special events:
--**"Camping in Your Home"** with Jim Buck, Emergency Management expert - June 5, 2026, 10:00 am at Dungeness Community Church.
--**"Wilderness Survival and How it Applies to Emergency Preparedness"** with Kent Clement, Wilderness Survival expert. (Date/Location TBD). Email notification will be sent to all CRCs)

Call / email us to schedule a class:
(360) 670-0439
or
clallamready.sequim@gmail.com



Are You Ready?
[\(click image to open\)](#)

NEW to our website: Monthly CRS Newsletters curated by a local Clallam Ready Coordinator (CRC). Stay prepared with emergency tips and helpful reminders.
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Cedar Ridge Villages 3/18/26



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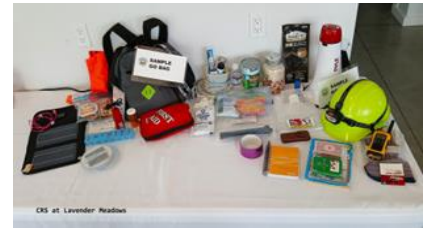
Lavender Meadows 4/7/26



All Hands Mtg 3/28/26



Cedar Ridge Villages 3/18/26



CRS at Lavender Meadows



Parkwood 4/10/26



Parkwood 4/10/26



Sequim Rotary 3/19/26



The **2026 Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Guide** highlights "Volunteering" and features the article "Clallam Ready Sequim – Bridging the Gap Between Disaster and Our Neighbors", highlighting community action and building local disaster resilience. [\(click image to open\)](#)

CRS website: <https://www.bellelealand.net/clallamready>
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The 2026 first-quarter **CERT SOA NEWSLETTER** contains great info, read the full edition at this link:
https://www.bellelealand.net/files/ugd/93ebf6_0109da2783fc4b3ca4f1e26bb2165167.pdf

Let Clallam Ready Sequim take you: "East of Panic and West of Denial"

On-Line Study



When they're funded, FEMA offers a range of very useful courses to expand your awareness of emergency operations. Online courses can help you to increase your understanding of your role as a CERT member and will aid your ability to safely assess difficult situations in a disaster. We recommend that each CERT member independently complete these four on-line courses (highlighted in red) within his/her first year of membership.

NOTE: FEMA course access requires that you have a **FEMA SID** (FEMA Secure ID) obtained at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid> . Follow the links and click on the desired Interactive web-based course to the right of the screen. Complete the course and take the Final Exam at the end. *[For all courses, it is important that you print and/or save a digital copy of your completion certificate.]*

These G-level courses are taught in person:

- G-317: Community Emergency Response Team Training (24-hr Academy Course)
- ☐ G-427: CERT Program Manager
- ☐ G-428: Train the Trainer (CERT Instructor training)

The courses listed below are found at the FEMA training web site.

- ☐ **IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>
- ☐ **IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c>
- ☐ IS-240: Leadership and Influence
- IS-241: Decision Making and Problem Solving
- IS-242: Effective Communication
- IS-244: Developing and Managing Volunteers
- ☐ IS-288: The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management
- ☐ **IS-315: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS)**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-315>
- ☐ IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team
- ☐ IS-505: Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster
- ☐ **IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>
- ☐ IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management
- ☐ IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- ☐ IS-907: Active Shooter: What You Can Do
- ☐ IS-1300: Introduction to Continuity of Operations
- ☐ IS-2200: Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions
- ☐ MGT 405: Mobilizing Faith-Based Organizations

Here are some flashcards to explore “**Structural Collapse Awareness**” topics:
<https://quizlet.com/1091090535/structural-collapse-awareness-quiz-flash-cards/>

Here are some study materials on “**Principles of Building Construction**”
<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10521>



Total Service Hours Recognition for CERT3



Among our CERT Program's 17 teams, CERT3 received some well-deserved recognition on 12 February for being the team that donated the most service hours in 2025. Blaine Zechenelly celebrated CERT3's contributions with a certificate and an expression of thanks. Congratulations to CERT3 ! (Bravo Zulu)

But throughout the entire CERT Program, everyone's decision to serve as an active member of CERT is very much appreciated. Your combined participation does not go unnoticed. Our CERT Program is careful to record the total number of service hours that each one of our members dedicates to our volunteer CERT activities each year. Such documentation serves two important purposes.

First, it provides our local emergency managers and government agencies with a **definitive measure** of the total scope of CERT's many contributions to safety and preparedness for our communities. In 2025, our CERT members' combined services totaled 20,841 hours, valued at \$725,058 for Clallam County. That's real money.

Secondly, our donated hours help Clallam and Washington State **to validate their total expenditures** for emergency preparedness relative to the Stafford Act of 1988. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, commonly known as the "Stafford Act," is a federal law that establishes an orderly and systematic means of natural disaster assistance for state and local governments. It also encourages states and localities to develop and implement comprehensive disaster preparedness plans. Under Title IV of the Stafford Act, the President has the ability to contribute up to 75 percent of the cost of any state or local hazard mitigation effort that is deemed as cost-effective and substantially reducing the risk of a major disaster. Our CERT services thus allow our State and County to receive greater federal contributions.

By the way, between 2016 and present, CERT's total volunteer hours have been worth \$4,887,416 to our community. The hours we dedicate to preparedness training and community service add up and are highly valued. **Thank you all.**



Who is Roger ??



You may have heard “**ROGER**” is an acronym for “Received Order Given, Expect Results,” but that’s a myth, and the actual meaning is far simpler. “Roger that” dates back to the early 1940s, when “Roger” was used in place of the letter “R” in the Joint Army/Navy Phonetic Alphabet. It was nicknamed the **Able Baker** alphabet after its first code words. In radio communications, using the code word “Roger” indicated a message had been received loud and clear. While “Roger” was replaced by “**Romeo**” in the NATO phonetic alphabet that was adopted in 1956, many two-way radio users still say “Roger” for the same reason that it’s always been used.

According to Dictionary.com, “Roger” became widely used after public broadcasts of NASA’s Apollo missions of the 1960s, when the term was used during radio communications between mission control and the astronauts. The public began using “Roger” as a verb, noun, and interjection, all of which meant that something was understood. So, when someone says “Roger that,” you know that they’ve heard the message clearly and concisely.



Busy CERT Website?

This Is Not An Electrocardiogram.
This Is Hits On The CERT Website During 2025



Date +	Page views	Site sessions ⓘ	Unique visitors ⓘ	Bounce rate ⓘ	Avg. session ... ⓘ
Summary	9,469	3,791	1,713	47%	5m, 44s



Communicators Needed for CERT's ECC Squad



Our CERT ECC Squad operates a vital communications link between our Divisions' Incident Command Posts (ICPs) and the Unified Command ECC at the Sequim Transit Center. When deployed, the CERT ECC receives "ground truth" assessments and status reports from all the Divisions and also passes along current operational information and instructions for our teams. We communicate with GMRS radios.

The ECC Squad is important, but its work is **not a physical task**. It doesn't require backpacks or PPE or searching through the neighborhoods. It's perfect for those of us with physical challenges who still want to make a useful contribution to the CERT mission. Current planning calls for paired CERT members serving 8-hour shifts in the communications trailer. The CERT ECC needs more volunteers who can serve in this way.

If this mission opportunity interests you, please contact either
Marci Newlon irismarcel@outlook.com or
John Viada jandjviada@wavecable.com





Sunshine Festival (7 March)



CERT contributed to this year’s Sunshine Festival by controlling gate access at two locations. The City of Sequim now handles the road race and parking tasks. Fire District 3’s A31 unit was on hand to respond to emergency medical events. The event was very well attended. A new feature this year was the “Glow Zone” ultraviolet playroom for the kids in the Guy Cole Center. The UV light made our high visibility vests and jackets even more illuminating.



SEQUIM SUNSHINE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY March 7th

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- SUNSHINE MARKET** 10 AM - 2 PM
- SUN FUN COLOR RUN** 10 AM
- COMMUNITY FIREFIT** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- COWBOY GENIUS** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- S'WALLAM SOCIAL DANCE** 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
- TALENT COMPETITION: SHINE ON SEQUIM** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- THE HIGHSTEEPERS** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- DRONE SHOW** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- SUNSHINE AFTER DARK: DJ ROBOTIK** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Enjoy Food court, beer & wine garden, and experience zones all day!

EVENT PARKING
Parking in Come Backe Park will be limited. Use these lots:

- Trinity United Methodist Church
- Clallam View Church
- Ball Creek Plaza (GFC)

ADA Parking available near Trinity United Methodist Church.

Park may be dark at exit. Bring flashlight or headlamp.

10% Discount at Pioneer Memorial Park Clubhouse
Friday | Saturday
Ultra-UV Light Experience

SEQUIM
1000 Pioneer Memorial Parkway
360.452.3333

WELCOME TO THE

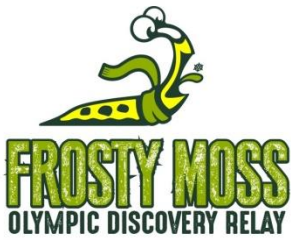
GLOW Zone

This attraction contains low lighting and ultraviolet (UV) effects.
Visibility will be limited.

- Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Wear sturdy and be aware of your surroundings.
- Guests with light sensitivity or certain medical conditions should use discretion.
- Not recommended for individuals who are uncomfortable in dark environments.

By entering, guests acknowledge these conditions.





Frosty Moss Run (14 March)

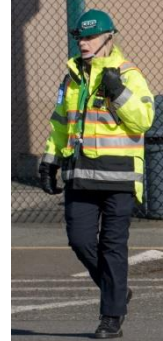


The Frosty Moss run is a relay event that follows the Olympic Discovery Trail, beginning in Forks, and ending in Blyn. Sequim CERT volunteers helped the runners safely navigate through our city streets. The runners began to arrive in Sequim (at the Railroad Bridge) around 4:30 pm, and the last of the runners cleared out past Whitefeather at about 8:30. The weather was sunny and beautiful. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this portion of the run a safe and enjoyable success.





Soroptimist Garden Show (21-22 March)



The annual Soroptimist Garden Show is a very popular community event at the Boys & Girls Club venue. Lots of people come to visit, but parking is limited. CERTs are tasked to direct arriving vehicles to any available ADA or regular parking slots that come open when people depart. CERTs use radios to announce the availability of open spaces. Controlling access and maintaining safe, one-way traffic patterns requires coordination. The Soroptimists are very happy with CERT's assistance, and often will donate money to help the CERT program. CERTs benefit too, by working with other CERTs and practicing their radio skills.



Serve Washington Volunteer Service Award



Clallam County Fire District No. 3 Proclamation [2026-03]

WHEREAS, Donna Stoffel faithfully served with the Eastern Clallam Community Emergency Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Serve Washington is the governor's appointed commission dedicated to fostering and encouraging volunteerism across the State of Washington. The Washington State Volunteer Service Awards seek to recognize and honor the multitude of acts of kindness demonstrated by individuals, families, and service groups in communities throughout Washington; and; and

WHEREAS, nominations for the Washington State Volunteer Service Awards are open to all individuals who have engaged in any form of volunteerism, formal or non-formal, within the past year; and

WHEREAS, a panel comprised of Serve Washington commissioners and community members will be tasked with selecting award recipients; and

WHEREAS, awards will be presented to one individual and one group of volunteers or volunteer program in each of the designated regions across Washington; and

WHEREAS, recognition of Donna Stoffel is of the utmost importance to staff and the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 3 follows the Motto of: Serve, Respect, Prevent and Protect, which Donna Stoffel has followed through her volunteerism with the Community Emergency Response Team; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for Clallam County Fire District 3 commend and honor Donna Stoffel for her exemplary dedication to volunteerism and the Commissioners congratulate the Peninsula/Coastal award recipients, and the Eastern Clallam County CERT Program, for their outstanding contributions to the community in the realm of emergency preparedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for Clallam County Fire District 3 express gratitude to Mr. Charles Meyer for nominating Donna Stoffel for this esteemed award; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Peninsula/Coastal award is being recognized by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 3 on April 21st at 1 pm during the Clallam County Fire District 3 board of commissioners meeting, in recognition of the Eastern Clallam County CERT Program's exceptional service to their community.

Signed, this 7th day of April 2026.

Bill Miano

Michael Mingce

Jeffrey Nicholas

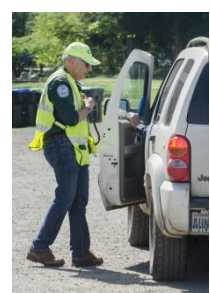
Donna Stoffel, Captain, CERT3, has been recognized by the **Governor's Serve Washington Program** for her many volunteer service activities on behalf of CERT and Fire District #3. Our Fire Commissioners approved a resolution of commendation for Donna and presented it to her on 21 April 26.

In 2025, Donna involved herself in a multiplicity of servant leadership roles: her leadership as Captain of her CERT team; her command of CERT support to the Soroptimist International; her aircraft safety training instruction developed and delivered in support of Clallam County's DART mission; and her spectacular executive management of the Sequim Safety Fair that brought together participants from 32 separate public service entities in a coordinated display of public safety missions. Her 980+ hours of uncompensated volunteer service and outstanding CERT leadership has encouraged others within our local communities. She has chosen to pursue the greater good for the greatest number, because it really matters.

Crazy Callen Irrigation (1-3 May)



The three main CERT activities at the annual Crazy Callen weekend were: (1) teach fire safety for kids in the Safety trailer; (2) guide ADA, vendor, and Band members to their assigned parking areas; and (3) provide information to the public about CERT at our CERT booth. The set-up and take-down of the CERT and FD3 booths took some effort also. The safety trailer served 75 kids on Saturday and 15 more on Sunday.





Irrigation Parade (9 May)





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Several thousand people turned out to see our Sequim Irrigation Parade. As we walked, CERT members were warmly applauded for our continuing service to our communities. The weather was perfect. Fire District #3 was on full display. KSQM broadcasted live from the event. The Gazette recorded the sights. Sequim police controlled traffic. The parade provided an excellent opportunity to remind our community that CERT offers a great way to prepare for future emergencies. The CERT Program is accessible, useful, collegial, and often fun. The more often the public sees us, the better chance we have of recruiting new, additional volunteers to our teams.



Association



Update

Q: What is the purpose or function of the East Clallam County CERT Association?

The East Clallam County CERT Association, also known as the “Association,” supports community safety and disaster preparedness by fundraising, collecting and distributing funds, resources and charitable contributions that are intended to benefit Sequim area CERTs and/or other disaster relief organizations, entities, or programs.

The Association provides services, supplies and equipment to CERT volunteers who assist the local fire departments and public safety agencies in civic services, including emergency response, public event support, community outreach, and disaster relief. This Association is organized in Washington State as an “Unincorporated Association” exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Q: How is the “Association” governed?

The Association is governed by a Board, now consisting of eight members. While Fire District employees may serve on the Board, FD3 may NOT have a majority presence or serve as the Board’s President or Secretary/Treasurer. Currently, the Board members are:

- Charlie Meyer, President
- Blaine Zechenelly, Vice President
- Bob McCauley, Secretary/Treasurer
- John Anzalotti, Director
- Justin Grider, Director
- Keith Koehler, Director
- Deb Palmer, Director
- Donna Stoffel, Director
- Darrel Ford, Non-Voting Advisor



**Two New Directors
Added in April**

Webmaster Opportunity: The Association wants to migrate the current CERT website to a new host on Google Drive. This migration process will require some computer skills that certain persons within our CERT community likely already possess. If you can help, please contact a Board member or Darrel Ford.

Donation Info: Our Association has an IRS-registered, 501c3 tax identifier (EIN) that qualifies it to receive tax-deductible donations. Patrons who donate to our “East Clallam County CERT Association” may be allowed under certain circumstances to claim a tax deduction for their contributions. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) validates the Association’s non-profit status. It is: **EIN: 33-4950834.**



TRAINING



Refresher Topics for 2026

- May – Searcher 1 Responsibilities (advanced)
- June – Searcher 2 Responsibilities (advanced)
- July – Rescuer Responsibilities & Techniques (advanced)
- August – Radio Practice
- September – Captain's Choice
- October – Great Shakeout & Preparedness
- November – ICS Review
- December – Captain's Choice or Holiday Break

Your Training
Committee Members:



New Information!



DATE: April 07, 2026

Training Committee Mission & Goals

Sequim Operational Area
Clallam County, Washington

Mission:

SOA Training Committee creates and maintains/updates training resources for teams, in keeping with Academy training that achieves continuity throughout our CERT organization, including for CERTs attending different team meetings.

Goals:

- All training courses are approved by CCFD3 Chief, or Senior Program Manager after final review by committee .
- Training presentations are updated and ready for use for teams by the first of the month preceding scheduled month of delivery (e.g., April 1st for teams to train on subject in May). Captains will be emailed when new training presentations are available.
- Captains will be emailed Training Academy updates, or with the use of new Training Bulletins.
- Use of notes in slides are to expand on context, provide examples, add dialogue/engagement questions for engaging team members, and other pertinent information
- Periodic reviews of course content, adapting to new pertinent information
- Meeting periodically with Captains to answer questions, get suggestions for future training
- Finalize annual training plan for the following year, in October, including CCFD3 Chief or Senior Program Manager approval, for publishing in newsletter and dissemination.

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APPROVED:



Sequim Operational Area
Clallam County, Washington

Blaine Zechenelly
CERT Senior Program, CCFD3

CERT Calendar June-Aug 2026



June 1	CERT Team 2	10:00 AM - Noon	
June 3	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
June 3	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
June 4	CERT Team 5	3:00 - 5:00 PM	KSQM
June 4	CERT Team 4	6:00 - 7:30 PM	
June 4	CERT Team 12	5:00 - 6:30 PM	
June 6	CERT Team 11	10 - Noon	KSQM
June 11	CERT Team 7	2:00 -5:00 PM	
June 11	CERT Team 3	6:00 -8:00 PM	
June 16	CERT Team 13	6:00 - 7:30 PM	
June 17	CERT Team 17	5:00 - 7:00 PM	
June 18	CERT Team 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	KSQM
June 23	CERT Team 6	10:00 - 12:00 PM	KSQM
June 25	CERT Team 16 & 9	6:00 - 7:00 PM	KSQM
June 25	CERT Team 1	5:00 -7:00 PM	Dom Terr
July 1	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
July 1	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
July 2	CERT Team 5	3:00 - 5:00 PM	
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July 3	CERT Team 11	10 - Noon	KSQM
July 6	CERT Team 2	10:00 AM - Noon	
July 8	CERT Team 12	5:00 - 6:30 PM	
July 9	CERT Team 7	2:00 -5:00 PM	
July 9	CERT Team 3	6:00 -8:00 PM	
July 15	CERT Team 17	5:00 - 7:00 PM	
July 16	CERT Team 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	KSQM
July 18-19	3 days of Lavender Festival		

July 21	CERT Team 13	6:00 - 7:30 PM	
July 23	OPS Review	1:00 - 2:00 PM	KSQM
July 23	CERT Team 16 & 9	6:00 - 7:00 PM	KSQM
July 23	CERT Team 1	5:00 -7:00 PM	Dom Terr
July 24-26	3 days of Dog Show		
July 28	CERT Team 6	10:00 - 12:00 PM	KSQM
Aug 5	CERT Team 10	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
Aug 1	CERT Team 11	10 - Noon	KSQM
Aug 6	CERT Team 12	5:00 - 6:30 PM	
Aug 18	CERT Team 13	6:00 - 7:30 PM	
Aug 20	CERT Team 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	KSQM
Aug 19	CERT Team 17	5:00 - 7:00 PM	
Aug 3	CERT Team 2	10:00 AM - Noon	
Aug 13	CERT Team 3	6:00 -8:00 PM	
Aug 6	CERT Team 4	6:00 - 7:30 PM	
Aug 6	CERT Team 5	3:00 - 5:00 PM	
Aug 13	CERT Team 7	2:00 -5:00 PM	
Aug 5	CERT Team 8	5:00 - 7:30 PM	
Aug 8	Diamond Pt Air Show		
Aug 8	Unity of Effort in Sequim		
Aug 22	Boys & Girls Club: Free items for school kids		
Aug 25	CERT Team 6	10:00 - 12:00 PM	KSQM
Aug 27	CERT Team 1	5:00 -7:00 PM	Dom Terr
Aug 27	CERT Team 16 & 9	6:00 - 7:00 PM	KSQM