

## What Exactly Does Clallam Ready (CR) Do?

Clallam Ready (CR) is a program that helps groups of neighbors gain the knowledge and skills needed to respond to disasters, at the local level, and then organize to readily respond during a catastrophic occurrence. It teaches you what to do, and how to do it, during the hours or days before responders or outside help reaches you and your neighbors.

The original CR 9-Steps developed by LuAn Johnson, Ph.D., formerly of Washington State Emergency Management, are still the gold standard and the baseline for neighborhood preparedness

Sequim Operational Area (SOA) covers eastern Clallam County from Morse Creek (“S” curves) eastward to the Gardiner area. Within that area are 17 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and contained within those teams’ boundaries are scattered 50+ CR neighborhoods.

Each CR neighborhood can consist of 15+ homes. Each neighborhood is different and unique. Some are urban in Sequim, some are tightly packed communities, some are rural and some are happily in between. In the event of a major earthquake and resulting tsunami, some neighborhoods will be displaced from their homes due to liquefaction.

So how does one get started?

Individuals commit to prepare themselves and help their neighbors prepare to survive a disaster or emergency. A small investment of time will ensure Clallam Ready neighborhoods are prepared for the long haul. An additional benefit is, the training and experiences will provide unique opportunities to get to know your neighbors ahead of time – we have AMAZING communities!

Clallam Ready will share comprehensive plans that provide neighbors with education and preparedness information including food, shelter, and care.

Neighbors will learn and discuss the different kinds of emergencies and disasters that might befall their neighborhoods including:

### EMERGENCIES

Long Term Power Outage  
Chemical Spill  
Supply Chain Shutdown  
Serious Weather Event

### DISASTERS

Major Road Blockage – Landslide  
Volcanic Eruption  
Earthquake / Tsunami  
Tornado / Hurricane

Attendees can relate disaster experiences and discuss how they survived. Background is then given about the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) – What it is, how it works, and what could happen if it decides to break!

Attendees also learn about what the Federal response to a major disaster could be and how long it could take for them to mobilize and appear on the North Olympic Peninsula.

**THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES AND WHEN FORMAL HELP ARRIVES (OR NORMALCY RESUMES) IS WHAT CR IS ALL ABOUT.**

If an emergency or disaster occurs, organized CR neighborhoods will be ready for the long haul. They will have addressed food, shelter, security and reunification, as well as comfort and care for the injured and displaced.

## **How CR Helps CERT**

When a major disaster such as a CSZ earthquake and tsunami occurs, a 3-day clock begins. CERT team members will first care for their own households and families and will then mobilize with their respective teams to begin canvassing the homes within their team boundaries. **THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO CANVAS ALL THOSE HOMES WITHIN THE FIRST 3 DAYS.**

When a CERT team or squad arrives in an organized CR neighborhood, they will find that the CR teams have already done a preliminary reconnaissance and determined which homes need CERT assistance. CR will have already completed the Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) form used by CERT to determine various levels of injury or damage.

**EXAMPLE:** there are 20 homes in an organized CR neighborhood. CR has already assessed all the homes and needs addressed with the exception of 2 homes having wounded **INSIDE** the homes. This information is passed to CERT who are trained in light search and rescue. The CERT squad will only have to address 2 homes rather than 20 and are able to move on quickly to their next destination. **DO THE GREATER GOOD FOR THE GREATER NUMBER.**

Once CERT teams have completed their missions, they may be redeployed to assist nearby areas with critical needs or they may return to their homes and assist their neighborhoods.