



Bounce Back Faster From Disaster!
*Disasters are inevitable. They are personal.
Survival is optional. How prepared are you?*

Plan. Prepare. Practice.
People. Neighborhoods. Communities.

History of Quake Up!

In late 2014, the preliminary idea of Quake Up! began through several volunteers who are members of the Community Participation Organization (CPO) in Washington County with Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service staff who connected them due to one of the CPO program annual goals includes putting together a county wide event each year.

Peggy Harris who lives in the Cornelius / Forest Grove area CPO came up with the idea of an educational event: Emergency / Disaster Preparedness for Washington County.

Stan Houseman who lives in the Garden Home, Raleigh Hills, West Slope CPO and is also CERT trained stated a similar idea that all the CPOs participate in and engage communities and neighborhoods with personal, family preparation along with Map Your Neighborhoods: Neighbors-Help-Neighbors program.

Early in 2015, a meeting organized by Beth St. Amand of OSUs extension services with a number of people who were involved in the 2014 Aloha Emergency Preparation event which included some vendors, though a few did not show up. After several more meetings, this group working towards putting an event on for the Spring ended, as too many aspects were incomplete or unknown.

Later that Spring, with a handful of people, held a number of meetings with a working title of Quake Up! "Bounce Back Faster From Disaster" with the primary purpose was to be an educational event of Emergency / Disaster Preparedness for Washington County. Also, the county agencies and utility companies have the opportunity to showcase improvements that were being made in the infrastructure of roads, bridges, buildings, water, gas, etc. to enable a faster recovery after the disaster.

The first Quake Up! event occurred in October 2015 at the downtown Hillsboro Farmers' Market and Hillsboro Civic Center, to foster a countywide educational experience for the public that is positive, establishes partnerships and builds a foundation for ongoing programs.

Quake Up! takes place during the National Preparedness Month of September, including ShakeOut! in October, to promote preparedness in diverse and inclusive ways for all Washington County communities by encouraging individuals and businesses to take proactive steps to plan and prepare for major disasters.

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service staff: Beth St. Amand and Dan Schauer

Quake Up! volunteers: Peggy Harris, Pat Wolter, Sig Unander, Helen Larson and Stan Houseman

Plus many additional volunteers who have helped the day of the events.

Support: Washington County Emergency Management (Chris Walsh, Sharon Gates) and the Medical Reserve Corps (Cynthia Valdivia, Tammy Yamamoto)

Partners: Washington County agencies including Land Use and Transportation, and Sheriff with City Police and Fire Departments of Hillsboro and Beaverton with Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Utility companies - NW Natural, Joint Water Commission, PGE,

OSU geology?, Amateur Radio groups - ARRG and ARES, several Pet groups,

Businesses: NW Seismic, Costco, WaterStop,

TVCTV has recorded all of our speaker presenters over the four years from presentations about the practical - 'What you can do today', to the emergency managers of Cities, County and State levels, along with personnel from the Fire, Military, Engineers, Oregon's Resilience Plan, Pets, and including some in Spanish, etc.

www.QuakeUpNW.org has links of many of these along with other information.

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