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All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Siren testing occurs the first Monday of every month at noon.



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Grays Harbor Auxiliary Emergency Communications (AEC) volunteers provide communications support to emergency response agencies of Grays Harbor County including the Department of Emergency Management (DEM). The DEM sponsors and manages the AEC program. AEC members are **not** emergency communications dispatchers.

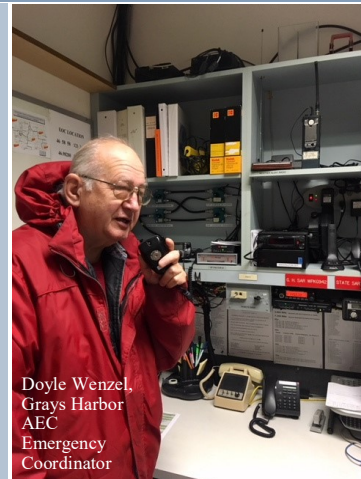
AEC expects its personnel to be more than just operators of radios on a "call if you need me" basis. AEC members strive to be professional communicators, who work as non-paid staff with the DEM to respond to the Emergency Operations Center or to any location necessary to maintain or enhance communications for the duration of the emergency.

Auxiliary Emergency Communications members may respond with their personal equipment to set up communications most anywhere in the county and support the DEM radio room in Montesano or call in damage reports from their home area.

AEC has structured five Amateur radio repeaters throughout the county, which are used to carry out its program. AEC encourages its members to first, take care of themselves, family and neighbors during an emergency, but then to think about the larger picture. We strive to recruit communicators who look beyond their hobby as Amateur radio operators and wish to serve their community by committing to AEC and its goals.

AEC applicants must be 18 years of age or older. They must also pass two on-line federal classes and submit to a standard background check.

Additional information may be found at:
<https://www.qsl.net/wa7pc/#page=page-2>
or by contacting AEC at N7UJK@comcast.net



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Command Post



CPU voice repeater

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

For more information
visit

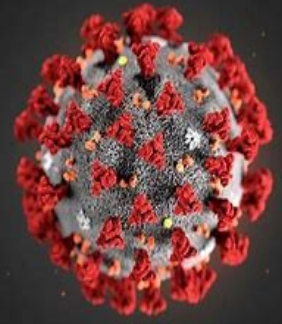
Grays Harbor County Public Health

<http://www.healthygh.org/covid19>

or

Washington State Public Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>



PRESS RELEASE

From March 24, 2020, 10am

COVID-19 call center is the place for Grays Harbor residents to ask questions

911 should only be used for an emergency

Grays Harbor Public Health and Grays Harbor 911 want to remind residents that 911 should be used when you have an emergency and need law enforcement, the fire department or EMS to respond to you. Grays Harbor 911 should not be used to ask questions or get information concerning COVID-19.

“When you call 911 for non-emergency reasons you are impacting their ability to quickly assist people experiencing an emergency,” said Karolyn Holden, Director. “Please do not call 911 when you have general questions regarding COVID-19. We have specific resources set up to provide information about COVID-19 to our community.”

Grays Harbor Public Health has opened a call center at 360-964-1850 to help residents of Grays Harbor get answers to questions about COVID-19. The call center is staffed 8:30am- 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Residents can also email their questions to covid19@co.grays-harbor.wa.us.

If you have specific medical questions or are having symptoms that you think are related to COVID-19, contact your medical provider. Both Grays Harbor hospitals have triage lines staffed by medical professionals. The Grays Harbor Community Hospital nursing triage line is 360-537-5100; Summit Pacific Medical Center’s nursing triage line is 360-346-2222.

The Washington Department of Health has an information line for general information at (800) 525-0127. This phone line is staffed 6am – 10pm, seven days a week.

For local information, resources related to COVID-19, and how to contact us visit our website at healthygh.org/covid19.

About Grays Harbor Public Health

Grays Harbor Public Health works to improve the health and well-being of the people of Grays Harbor.

Visit our website at <http://www.healthyGH.org>. Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/healthyghc>.

Please take this opportunity to connect with your community, and neighbors by signing up for Nextdoor, prepare to Map your Neighborhood or join a volunteer group.



Sign up for Nextdoor

Nextdoor is the private social network for your neighborhood.

Nextdoor is the best way to stay in the know about what’s going on in your neighborhood—whether it’s finding a last-minute babysitter, learning about an upcoming block party, or hearing about a rash of car break-ins. There are so many ways our neighbors can help us. We just need an easier way to connect with them.

<https://nextdoor.com/find-neighborhood/>



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Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma and reduce property damage. In addition, contributing as an individual and working together as a team helps develop stronger communities and improve the quality of life in the community.

The Map Your Neighborhood program guides you and your neighbors through simple steps to help enhance your preparedness for an emergency. These steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives. It is designed to improve disaster readiness at the neighborhood level, 15-20 homes or a defined area that you can canvas in 1 hour. It teaches neighbors to rely on each other during the hours or days before fire, medical, police or utility responders arrive.

Washington State Residents/Partners Please send an email to public.education@mil.wa.gov or ghcdem@co.grays-harbor.wa.us to receive your MYN materials. Note: Local offices track each organized neighborhood to help them meet their planning and preparedness goals

King 5 <https://youtu.be/MPRD3PBk9Is>
<https://mil.wa.gov/map-your-neighborhood>



This is a great time to take the opportunity for Spring Cleaning and Preparedness for your family & Fire Season

STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY

Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

- Declutter and Disinfect
- Start Yard Work
- Test Home Safety Alarms
- Make an Emergency Plan

Grays Harbor County Emergency Alerts!

- Sign up now



Let's Get Ready

Check out Sesamestreet.org for Emergency Preparation games, videos and art.



Volunteer Recognition Day—April 20th
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Interested in joining a volunteer group?
Click [HERE](#) for more information.

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

SIMPLE STEPS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATION TO MAKE A HOME SAFER FROM EMBERS AND RADIANT HEAT

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration
- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches

Visit NFPA for more Details

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Olympic National Forest

Save the Date

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Where: Montesano Presbyterian

201 McBryde Ave E Montesano, WA 98563

Time: 1:30pm - 7:00pm

Walk-ins welcome or call (800) 733-2767 for availability.

Save the Date

5th Annual

Emergency Preparedness EXPO

When: Saturday, October 3rd

Where: Shoppes at Riverside

1017 S Boone St Aberdeen, WA 98563

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thank you to Madie and Justin of Montesano High School for creating a video of the 2019 Emergency Preparedness EXPO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzRza7y04KI>

Citizen Corps Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Where: Grays Harbor County Emergency Mgmt.

310 W Spruce Ave Montesano, WA

Time: 9:00am

Tentative Schedule