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## **MOMENTS OF MISFORTUNE - Part 5**

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Parts 1- 5 can be found at:

<http://cms5.revize.com/revize/graysharborcounty/Emergency%20Management/Story/Moments%20of%20Misfortune%20Parts%201%20-%205.pdf>

### **Part 5**

My legs and feet are nearly numb from the coldness of the water I'm wading through. God only knows what kind of funk we're walking in. The smell of the water lingers in my nostrils and mouth. It's reminiscent of the sewage odor of low tide in Budd Bay in Olympia.

I half expected the water covering the area to be still, like a large lake covering the area, but it's not. I notice the rainbow sheen of light oil and gas moving quickly on the water. It's moving with the flow of the Chehalis River, strong enough to where I feel the swiftness of the current tugging at my lower legs and feet as I take each step.

Matt, Shar, Katie, Janie and their friends are searching along the edge of the water's inundation. I hear the girls complaining how cold they are, but they all continue searching. Their comments make me feel colder.

Cold and tired, we unwaveringly continue our search for people in need. The affected we're searching for were impacted by the last tsunami wave that snuck up on everyone who were inspecting the damage from the earthquake and the first, much smaller tsunami wave from earlier in the day.

We're pushing through jagged, half floating debris, moving it away from ourselves as we comb the area. I notice most homes have some type of damage from the tsunami, with wood walls, shingles, and siding torn away. Many have crumbled chimneys and broken windows from the earthquakes, and numerous cars have been scattered to lawns and intersections, motionless monuments to the disaster, resting in a few feet of water.

It's eerily quiet. I guess the home and car alarm batteries have been exhausted. Most people appear to have left the area for higher ground, although from time to time, we encounter a few people on the second floor of a home asking for information. We usually can't tell them much more than they already know, but do tell them where they could possibly obtain more up to date information and some fresh water at the CERT command post in Sam Benn Park.

I'm so tired after searching for the last 24 or so hours I can barely concentrate on what we're doing. My head is pounding from the lack of sleep and the stench of the water. It's all I can do to keep focused on the task at hand.

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The Great  
Washington  
**Shake  
Out**

**October 18th  
10:18am**

## WHY DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON?

**Why is it important to do a Drop, Cover, and Hold On drill?**  
To react quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down--or drops something on you.  
*Practicing helps you be ready to respond.*

**If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:**

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

Stay indoors till the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in Washington you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If you are in a *low lying coastal area*, immediately move inland and to higher ground because a tsunami could follow the earthquake. Do not return until local officials announce it is safe to reenter coastal areas.

If you are *outdoors* when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops.

If you are *driving*, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects. It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety he or she has identified because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Look around you now, before an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office or school so that when the shaking starts you can respond quickly. An immediate response to move to the safe place can save lives. And that safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

<https://www.shakeout.org/washington/dropcoverholdon/>



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Submit your Great Shakeout  
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## September

National Preparedness Month

9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance

National Weather Service Fall Safety

## October

National Crime Prevention Month

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Fire Prevention Week (Date TBD)

Great ShakeOut (October 18, 2018)

### Help Emergency Workers Find Your Pets



The [ASPCA](#) recommends using a [rescue sticker alert](#) to let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers, and that it includes the types and number of pets in your household and your veterinarian's phone number.

If you must evacuate with your pets (and if time allows) write "EVACUATED" across the stickers so rescue workers don't waste time looking for them.



## Back-to-School Preparedness

This program is presented by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).



It's back-to-school time! As you shop for school supplies and get ready for class, make sure you have emergency plans in place. Did you know that emergency preparedness plays a major role in school life? Throughout the year, schools actively prepare for natural disasters, outbreaks, and other emergency situations. Students and parents need to be aware and learn what to do during an emergency.

Every family should build an emergency kit, make a family disaster plan, and be informed about events that could affect their community. Parents—take a few extra steps to help children be prepared.

- Make sure they know the full name, address, and phone numbers of parents or guardians. In our high-tech world of cell phones, memorizing emergency information in their backpack.
- Other items to keep in their backpack include water and non-perishable snacks; a pocket-sized first aid kit; a whistle to alert others for help; and a list of allergies, medical conditions, and medications—make sure their school and teacher have a copy, too.
- Be familiar with different routes and ways to travel home, like walking, taking the bus, or riding home with another student who lives nearby.
- Establish a secret code word with your child and whoever takes them home from school to protect against an unauthorized person picking them up.

This list is a great starting point to prepare your student for the upcoming school year. Customize these steps to fit your child's capabilities and needs.

Ask school administrators and teachers about emergency preparedness plans so you know what steps they are taking to keep your child safe. Many schools have guidelines on how to shelter-in-place during natural disasters, how to secure classrooms during an emergency lockdown, and how to teach preparedness curriculum to students.

Remember, emergency preparedness is important for everyone. Children who are prepared are more confident during stressful emergency situations. By following preparedness guidelines, parents, children, and school staff can improve their safety and peace of mind.

To learn more about disasters and emergency preparedness, follow @CDCEmergency on Twitter or visit [Grays Harbor County Emergency Management](#).

**So, let's get prepared!  
Have a great school year!!**

For the most accurate health information, visit [www.cdc.gov](#) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

## September 20, 2018 Emergency Alert System (EAS TEST)

FEMA and the FCC will conduct a nationwide combined test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) on September 20, 2018, with a back-up date of October 3, 2018. At 11:18 a.m. PDT, FEMA will send a WEA test message to WEA-capable wireless devices throughout the entire United States and territories. The WEA test message will state:

**“THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”** Immediately following the WEA nationwide end-to-end test, at 11:20 a.m. PDT, FEMA will conduct a live test of the EAS via the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). The EAS alert will be transmitted in English and Spanish and include both audio and the text of the test message. The EAS message will read: **“THIS IS A TEST of the National Emergency Alert System.** This system was developed by broadcast and cable operators in voluntary cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Communications Commission, and local authorities to keep you informed in the event of an emergency. If this had been an actual emergency an official message would have followed the tone alert you heard at the start of this message. A similar wireless emergency alert test message has been sent to all cell phones in the nation. Some cell phones will receive the message. Others will not. No action is required.”



EAS Sound click [HERE](#)



Wireless Emergency Alerts click [HERE](#)

Did you know?  
AHAB sirens are NOT designed to be heard indoors!

## All Hazard Alert Broadcast Siren (AHAB)

Washington State Emergency Management Division developed a pole-mounted siren system that is deployed throughout the coast.

### Tsunami Siren



This system includes several features, including:

- Satellite Activation from the 24/7 State Emergency Operations.
- Radio activation by local Emergency Management Agency.
- Modular speaker with 360-degree coverage.
- Ability to provide voice and tone alerts.
- Intense blue light to alert the hearing impaired, which can also be seen through fog and is visible from a long distance.

### What does an AHAB Siren sound like?

During a routine TEST of the system, the siren will play the Westminster Chimes. The voice message below will follow the test chimes:

- ➔ **Voice Test Message:** The following is a test of the siren system. It is only a test. This is a test of the siren warning system. If this had been a real emergency you should tune in to your local radio station or listen to this system for further instructions. This was only a test.

Upon the issuance of a TSUNAMI WARNING, the siren will play a wail sound and a voice message will follow the siren. The following voice message will be used:

- ➔ **Voice Warning Message:** “This is not a test. A tsunami warning has been issued for the coastal areas of Washington. A tsunami can cause dangerous flooding. If you are in a low coastal area, you are at risk and must move to higher ground or inland now. Do not return until directed to do so. Tune into your local radio station for additional information. This is NOT a test a tsunami warning has been issued for the coastal areas of Washington, move to higher ground or inland now.”

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Tsunami Signs



If you live on the coast, you might be curious about the [Tsunami All-Hazard Alert Broadcast](#) (AHAB) and its pole-mounted siren system deployed throughout the coast. During a routine TEST of the system, which is conducted on the first Monday of every month at noon, the sirens will play the Westminster Chimes ([click here to listen to what it sounds like](#)). Upon the issuance of a TSUNAMI WARNING, the siren will play a wail sound ([click here to listen to what it sounds like](#)) and a voice message will follow the siren.

## (Moments of Misfortune Continued from page 1)

Matt, walking and wading a few feet away from me states, “The [radio’s](#) been pretty active with information from some of the other groups searching the area. A few people have been found stuck in cars and homes. Most are ok, but one [search group](#) did call for assistance when they found two people who appear to have drowned, along with 2 cats in South Aberdeen. I didn’t hear exactly where though.”

I know he was talking to me, but his words barely registered in my mind.

I managed to respond with, “That’s not good.”

He says, “Hopefully, we’re able to help the people we come across.”

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As we continue our search, not finding much but floating boards and pieces of wood, trash, clothes and empty cars, we encounter a family of four approaching us. A man and woman in their late twenties to early thirties, stumble through the debris. They’re holding what appears to be everything they could possibly carry, while pulling two small, maybe 5 to 7 year old children wearing backpacks alongside.

The man, completely disheveled and wet asks, “Do you know where we might be able to get some help and stay for the night? Someplace safe? Maybe get something to eat or drink?”

Matt responds, “If you head toward Sam Benn Park, up that road, there is a CERT Command Post there, who has communication with some other response agencies. They have water. There are others there waiting for help. It’s probably your best place to be right now with the kids.”

The woman begins crying, “It just came out of nowhere. Water began coming into our living room and before we knew it, there was 3 feet of water everywhere. Everything we own is ruined.”

One of the children shouts, “My daddy put us on the dining room table so we didn’t get wet. Mikey and me had to stay there.”

The woman, sobbing, says “I thought we were going to drown in our own home.”

The man utters to no one in particular, “I gathered everything I could, papers, clothes, keep sakes, and put them in sheets and tablecloths.

With tears running down her face, the woman utters, “What are we gonna do? I don’t know what we’re gonna do. We don’t have insurance. We both work part time to pay our rent and now we have no place to live.” Looking at my wife, she says, “I don’t know if the places we work will be open, or if they’re still there!” She begins sobbing again, “What are we gonna do for money? How are we gonna live?”

Suddenly another [aftershock](#) brings a hard jolt, making it a struggle for everyone to stand. The earthquake is strong enough to bring a medium sized chop to the water with waves along the edge of the water rising to a foot or so tall. The jolt and the action of the water is too much for the youngest boy from the family. He falls backwards, the weight of his backpack pulling him under as he disappears beneath the murky water.

Katie yells out, “Somebody get him!”

Matt and I move closer.

He says, “Where did he fall? I don’t see him”

Katie points to an area about 6 feet away from us.

She yells out, “There he is!”

Suddenly, the boy surfaces and screams, splashing in the water, disappearing again.

The other girls are screaming out, calling for the boy. Everyone converges to the area where Katie is pointing.

I jump to where he was, frantically grabbing and reaching out under the water for him.

I shout to everyone nearby, “Get him, Jesus, somebody get him. MATT!”

Matt yells, “I can’t find him! Where is he?”

All of us are thrashing hysterically in the water. I dive under and sweep my arms and hands along the street below, feeling nothing but pieces of broken wood and other debris as I have to come up for air.

Shar is submerged so only her head is visible in the water, sweeping her arms and kicking her legs, attempting to find the boy. His parents are frantic, flailing in the water in search of their son.

The older boy is standing in the water crying out, “Mikey, Mikey! Where are you Mikey?”

As Shar wildly searches the water, she begins yelling, practically wailing, “Oh my God! The baby! Where did he go? KATIE ... JANIE ... JACK!”

Hearing the commotion, other searchers working nearby scramble to join in the search.

Numerous voices are calling out for him, “Mikey...Mikey!”

Suddenly Janie shouts, “I see his backpack over here, there’s somebody here. See? See? I can’t get him, help me.....hurry help me.”

I rush as fast as I can in the water, to where the Janie said she saw the boy.

Another person shouts, “There he is. See him?”

Fleetingly, I get a glance of him. I reach out but can’t grab hold of him. I see his face under the water, near the surface, as the current pulls him away. I desperately attempt to reach out for him. I begin lunging toward him into the deeper water, but he begins moving farther away from me, his eyes staring at me, pleading for help.

I shout out, choking on the water, “Help me. Hurry. I can’t get him! Oh my god. Somebody get him! Get him!”

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My body flinches as I yell out “Get him!”

The ground is vigorously shaking under me, another aftershock from Mother Nature, thankfully waking me from my [nightmare](#). I must have fallen asleep against the tree on my lawn for a few moments. I’ve been awake for close to 30 hours, but each time I begin to doze off, I am jolted awake by an aftershock or become panicked enough to wake myself during a nightmare about the day’s events.

Sitting up slowly, my body feels worse now than ever. The pain and bruising from being under the debris at Joe & Pearls’ home is affecting every movement I make.

Grunting, I slowly sit up and refocus on my surroundings, “Ohhh, uhhhh,” breathing deeply between groans, heightening the pain I feel everywhere, “Ohhh crap.”

Propping myself up against the tree, I sit steadying myself with my left hand on the ground. Shivering from the cold and how damp I still am, I notice the campfire I built is smoldering. I see Shar, the girls and their friends are asleep in the musty tents I retrieved from our shed. Kailani must be inside one of the tents with them.

The past day has been nothing short of horrendous. My family’s entire world has been turned upside down by these earthquakes and tsunamis that have assaulted our community and our lives. The only thing I can feel grateful about is, my family is safe with me.

Matt approaches me with two other people and offers, “Jack, why don’t you and your family head to the Command Post? There are a few large campfires there to help dry everyone off and keep warm and it appears one of the preppers from the area is handing out [MRE’s](#) to eat. At least you can get something in your belly.”

One of the other people with him offers, “There is word that WSDOT may reopen Hwy 12 at the bluff in another day or two. Supplies will be arriving, as well as opportunity to leave the area if you wish.”

I say, “I’m not sure where we can go. My guess is most places close by with electricity and running water are full by now, but getting dry and having something to eat would be great.”

As I attempt to get up, I roll to my knees and reach out toward the tree to help me stand. The three of them see me struggle and help me to my feet.

I groan out loud and exclaim “Oh my god. I’m stiff as a board. I hurt like hell all over.” Looking at Matt, I say, “It even hurts to breathe. I coughed a few times and thought my ribs were exploding in my chest.”

Matt reveals again that there are EMT’s and Paramedics at the Command Post, saying, “Jack, I think you might have broken ribs ...maybe more issues. Why don’t you let them check to see if you’re ok?”

I respond, “I might just do that, the pain is killing me.”

He says, “I really think you should. Do you need help getting there?”

I respond, “Naa. I’ll get there. Slowly, but I’ll get there.”

Adding, “Ok then. We’ll see you later. We’re going to tell the others around here the same information we just told you. They’re finally relieving us in a few minutes so we can catch a few hours of sleep. You should try to get some too. Don’t forget about the CERT Command Post. There is food and help there.”

I reply, “I’m going to head there as soon as I wake the rest of my family.”

Matt, still wearing that stupid looking backpack and the other two head toward the other families on the street who are camping out, to give the information they just told me. I think to myself, how I wish I was the one wearing that [backpack](#) and the items he has packed inside it. I’m a fool for not taking [preparation](#) seriously. Now my family is suffering because I didn’t care. I never gave it a thought, even when Shar gave me a hard time about being unprepared. What an idiot! I look up to the sky and whisper to myself, “I swear it’ll never happen again.”

I wake the girls along with Shar and tell them we can get warm and maybe get something to eat at the Command Post. Shar still put up a fight about leaving the house open for trespassers to enter, but since so many of our neighbors were camping on their lawns, I convinced her by telling her the neighbors could keep an eye out. We could be back fairly soon to make sure nobody took her possessions.

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Upon arrival at Sam Benn Park, Katie’s friend observes, “There are so many people here.”

Shar offers, “So many children too. Jack, this is horrible. All these people. What are they going to do?”

I say, “They’ll do like everyone else. They’ll wait until the road opens and some relief agencies get here. We’re lucky these CERT teams were nearby and brought water and medical supplies.”

The sound of children laughing and playing, is in stark contrast to the faces of concern on many of the adults sitting around. There are people in their pajamas, without shoes or jackets sitting in small groups around the large campfires. Looking closer, it appears the majority are here without any belongings at all.

There is a group of young adults tending to some of the elderly, bundling them up in blankets, sitting them in folding chairs and moving them close to the warmth of the fires that are burning. The expressions on the faces of the elderly will remain with me forever as I see how grateful they are to those who have exhibited such extreme compassion and empathy toward them in a time of great need.

Janie says, “Dad, there is a line over there, it looks like they’re giving something away.”

Shar responds, “Can you tell what’s going on there?”

Janie says, “People are eating something as they leave the line.”

Katie follows, “Yeah dad, they have food.”

Her friends concur, “Yeah they’re eating food.”

A helicopter flies overhead, to the sound of a cheer from the gathered crowd. It’s the first I’ve seen although I believe I heard one or two flying nearby over the past day or so. The helicopter hovers over us for a few moments and then continues on its journey away from us.

I say, “Well, at least they know we’re here.”

Katie asks, “How long do you think it will be before they bring help?”

I reply, “I don’t think we’re going to see much help until they clear the bluff. Matt and his friends said they were working on clearing the bluff, but it may be a day or two before it’s reopened.”

We wait in a line of nearly 20 other people and are handed a small bottle of water and an MRE. I’m so hungry, I almost forget how much pain I’m in. We sit in a small open area near the fire. It does feel warm, cutting the chill I’ve had for hours. All of us received a beef stew MRE with a fig bar. Hunger has a way of making very average meals taste like gourmet fare. We all begin eating our food, not knowing when we might eat next.

After wolfing my meal down, I say, “Now I’m really hungry.”

One of Janie’s friends picks at her food and states, “Ewww, I can barely eat this. It tastes horrible!”

Shar states, “I feel sick. I’d rather stay hungry than eat this.”

I respond, “Be grateful we all have something to eat. Just appreciate someone was willing to share what they had.”

Katie harps, “They can keep it next time!”

A woman next to us, sitting in a folding chair holding a small dachshund chimes in, “Mine was so bad my dog wouldn’t eat it.” Tilting her head toward her husband sitting next to her, she adds, “He ate both of ours though.”

Her husband adds, “I didn’t think it was that bad. Actually it was pretty good, not like Olive Garden, but pretty good.”

I say, “I liked mine too.”

The woman begins talking to Shar and the girls, “We were heading home from the Safeway store when the [earthquake](#) hit. The road became blocked and we were told by some people to get up here in case there was a [tsunami](#). The siren went off and was so loud we couldn’t talk to one another. And Roxy, the siren must have hurt her ears because she howled every time the siren went off which was ..., oh I don’t remember, maybe three or four times.

Her husband interjects, “It went off three times.

She replies, “Well, ok.” Adding, “We’ve been here for about a day.” Continuing with, “It’s really uncomfortable here. I can’t wait until I get home to my bed.”

Her husband jumps in, “No, we’ve been here for almost a day and a half.”

She responds, yeah, well ...I’m Mary, we’re from Grayland. He’s Frank. Where are you from?

My wife and the girls continue to have a conversation with Mary about where we live, the living conditions here at the park and how bad the food is.

I begin chatting with Frank, “Our home was pretty severely damaged in the earthquake. No tsunami issue though.”

Frank reveals, "I'm not sure if our home is still there. We're pretty close to the beach. If a tsunami came through, who knows what condition it's in now."

I ask, "If you can't go home, do you have some place to go when the road opens?"

He responds, "We have family not too far away and can stay with them for a while. We're probably much better off than most of the people here."

I say, "Yeah, It looks like most have everything they own here with them. Hopefully there are services to assist all of them once the road opens. We'll need to find someplace to stay because my home is a mess."

My daughters and their friends interrupt and tell me I have to see an EMT or Paramedic. They say Matt told them I was hurt and needed to see someone. I attempt to argue, but finally agree to let a Paramedic look at me. They help me to the medical tent where some people are milling about.

One person asks, "Can I help you? Are you hurt?"

I say, "I might have cracked ribs, but I'm not sure."

Another person, wearing a jacket that says 'Paramedic' joins the conversation and asks, "Can you tell us what happened?"

I make my kids and their friends go away and tell the story of what happened at Joe & Pearl's home.

The Paramedic states, "You should be in a cervical collar and spine board, not walking around."

I tell them, "I'm ok, other than my ribs and some deep bruising, definitely deep bruising."

The Paramedic tells me to lay down on a low cot in the tent and puts his hands on my chest and gently squeezes.

I grab his wrists and blurt out, "Yo man! That really hurts!"

He says, I think you have a few broken ribs. How is breathing?"

I respond, "It hurts a little."

He has his partner join him and they attempt to put a cervical collar on me. I tell them I'm not wearing the collar. I get up and tell them I'll see a doctor in a few days, once the road opens. Both tell me I should stay there and let them provide the first aid I need, but I decline and leave. My daughters are not very happy about me declining the medical attention and they let me hear about it all the way back to where Shar is sitting. The girls, never ones to keep secrets, tell Shar I declined the medical attention and another voice is added to the conflict.

As I'm being berated by the women in my family, Mary overhears the conversation and says, "You do look kind of beat up. Why would you not let them take care of you?"

I give her a side-ways glance, like really? You had to add fuel to this fire?

She notices and says, "Well, I'm just trying to help."

Before I can say anything, a news helicopter hovers over the park. They are filming everyone on the ground.

Shar states, "Must be 4 o'clock. Time for the news. Nothing like showing the devastation and the plight of us refugees before returning home to a warm comfortable home and dinner."

This helicopter is attempting to land. As it gently descends towards the ground. Blankets, stones and debris is flying everywhere causing people to scatter and fall to escape the swirling dust and wind of the rotors. Unexpectedly, a blanket is blown airborne and gets tangled in the rotors causing the chopper to tilt, the rotors striking the ground, splintering everywhere. As the body of the chopper hits the ground, it flips into the crowd striking many people with a flash and an explosion, causing small fires among the campsites of some of the families congregated nearby. Everyone is turning away to avoid the dust and debris.

Suddenly, Katie screams, "DAD!"

I turn toward her and notice Mary and Frank are both unconscious on the ground with a piece of the shredded helicopter frame next to them.

Janie yells, "Oh my god! Are they dead? Dad? Dad?"

**END OF PART 5**

# Fall Opportunities...



## EMERGENCY COOKING MADE EASY- 2018

### HANDS ON DEMOS- RECIPES-SAMPLES

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Rotary Log Pavilion  
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**Join us for:**  
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## Blood Drive Grays Harbor Preparedness Expo

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Saturday, October 6, 2018  
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# Contacts & Info



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**All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Siren testing  
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**ATTEND** the Grays Harbor Citizen Corp meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 9am, in the Grays Harbor County Forestry Building.  
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*Meet with other county agencies and organizations working on disaster preparedness in our county. Check out their Facebook page too.*  
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**Emergency Management**  
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## Upcoming Events

**September 22nd**

Emergency Cooking  
Made Easy!

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LDS Church, Ocean Shores

**October 6th**

Emergency Preparedness  
EXPO

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Rotary Log Pavilion

Listen for Tammy Fairley of the Ocean Shores CERT Team on: **91.3FM** or at <http://koswradio.com> at **9:00am**

**September 27th / October 25th**  
or on: **KXRO 101.7 FM / 1320 AM** at **8:40am**

**September 25th / October 23rd**

## Upcoming Meetings

**Citizen Corps**  
September 12th  
9:00am or 6:00pm

October 10th  
9:00am