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# BENTON-FRANKLIN CERT NEWSLETTER

Starting in May we will begin having monthly CERT meetings. This will give CERT members an opportunity to hone their disaster preparedness skills and network with volunteers and emergency management professionals.

## CERT Meeting Schedule

May 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Benton County EOC 6-8 a.m.

Emergency Operations Center Orientation

Expedient Flood Training (Sandbagging)

June 11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Benton County EOC 6-8 p.m.

WebEOC

Disaster Assessment Teams and the Yakima River Flood of 2009

July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) TBA 6-8 p.m.

Wildland/Urban Interface

Search and Rescue Tutorial

August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) North Bend 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Washington State CERT Exercise

September 10<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) TBA 6-8 p.m.

Benton County CERT Exercise

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Storm Spotter Training

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the National Weather Service will be conducting Storm Spotter training at the Benton County EOC from 6:30 to 10 p.m..

### Washington State CERT Exercise

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> volunteers will have an opportunity to participate in the annual CERT exercise to be held at the State Fire Training Academy in North Bend. The exercise will be from 8 AM to 4 p.m..

### Emergency Worker Assistance Center Training and Exercise

On April 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) there will be radiological monitoring and decontamination training at Southridge High School from 9 a.m. to noon. This training is in preparation for the EWAC exercise on May 30<sup>th</sup>.



April/May 2009

If anyone would like to attend any of the upcoming CERT events, or belongs to an organization that would be interested in hosting a CERT class, please contact Aaron Barnes at BCEM or Joe Tea at FCEM.