#### **DISASTER RESPONSE**

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#### Introduction

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#### Volunteer

Washington State Guard Coast Guard Auxiliary Kittitas County ARES/RACES

#### **Major Disasters**

Deepwater Horizon Refuge Stand Off Various floods, wild fires, COVID

#### Education

MA in Emergency and Disaster Management and MA in National Security Studies





#### Overview

Preparing for Disaster

Working together at the incident





#### **Understanding Your Worth**

- Can set up a radio network quickly
- Have skills you use regularly that paid professionals do not
  - Programming
  - Maintenance of equipment
  - Deployment of mobile equipment
- We need your help!





#### Preparing for response

- Know your equipment
  - Ensure you know how to pack it
  - How long your battery will last
  - Remember your first go kit and how long it took to set up?
- Learn, learn, learn
  - Online classes
  - In person classes



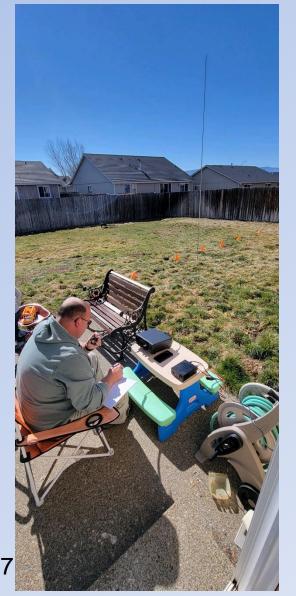


## **Know Your Equipment**





### PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE



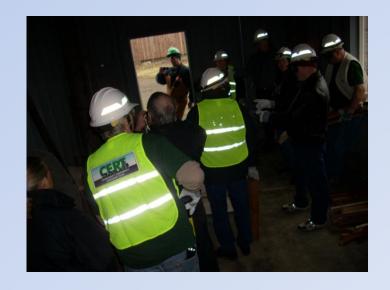




#### Life Long Learning

- FEMA courses
- Local EM hosted courses and training
- Volunteer groups
- Community service
- Amateur radio
  - POTA
  - Field Day

Winter Field Day





#### Preparing – Work With Agencies

- Do not overpromise
- Do, in simple terms, explain what you can offer
- Go to meetings when invited
- Get to know agency personnel that you may see at an incident
- Understand their equipment





# Train Together







#### The Basics

- Be on time
- Be prepared
- Ask questions when you do not know something
- Carry a notepad at all times
- Learn the geography of the incident





#### At The Incident

STAY IN YOUR LANE

- Know who you report to
- Know what your specific job function is
- Dress appropriately
- Be polite and respectful
  - Both in voice and in action





# BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Incidents are dynamic

People will do what they do







#### On The Air

- Keep transmissions accurate, brief
- No rag chewing
- Document, document, document
- Maintain ICS Form 214
  - For you
  - For your team/station







#### Conclusion

YOU are a force multiplier

YOU are leaving the hobby to aid professionals in a response

YOU must be ready





### Questions?







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