



KENAI PENINSULA CITIZEN CORPS

Resources for building stronger, safer communities on the Kenai Peninsula

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Giving the “Gift of Safety” for the Holidays!

As many will remember, for September National Preparedness Month we initiated a campaign to assemble Basic Emergency Supply Kits. Our goal was to encourage everyone to put together their own home emergency kit as well as engage the community in collecting supplies to build kits for low-income seniors. The project is finally wrapping up and the good news is that we collected enough supplies here in our office to assemble 200 kits! In



addition, the Anchor Point Senior Center and Disaster Response Group gathered enough materials to assemble another 30 kits! We are delighted to be able to share the “Gift of Safety” for the holidays!

Organizations who will receive and distribute the kits include: Cook Inlet Housing, Frontier Community Services, the Forget-Me-Not Adult Day Program, and the Kenai, Soldotna, Nikiski, and Ninilchik Senior Center Homebound Care Programs.

Special thanks to the following businesses, individuals and organizations for their generous support of this project: Agrium Kenai Nitrogen Products, Alaska Industrial Hardware, Barbara Beemun,

Richard Campbell, City of Soldotna Employees, ConocoPhillips, Cook Inlet Housing, Fred Meyer, George and Dee Gaddis, Home Depot,



Mayor Williams thanks a few of the many sponsors and volunteers who helped with the emergency kits.

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The generosity that this project generated has been truly inspiring!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has...”

Margaret Mead

CERT UPDATE

Kenai

A **BIG** thank you to **Chief Tilly, Sam Satathite** and the **Kenai Fire Department** for sponsoring the October CERT class at the PRISM Fire Training Center! Sam was a **great** lead instructor and recruited a cadre of other teaching talent including: **Al Chong, Cory Lehl, Abe Porter, Mitch Langseth** and **Keith Randall**. Assisting to make the disaster simulation at the end of the class as safe and realistic as possible were Kenai Firefighters **Cpt. Eric Wilcox, John Harris, Chris Cushman** as well as **Jon Bittle** (Civil Air Patrol Deputy Cadet Commander) and **8** Civil Air Patrol cadets! We commend this talented group for sharing their time and expertise!

Although we were sorry to lose a couple of people right at the end of the class due to a nasty bug that was going around, 14 people participated in the class and 11 people completed all aspects of the training!

Congratulations and welcome aboard:



**Linda Flowers
Patty Eissler
Bob Girard
Rosemarie Meza
Sheryl Miller
Carol Sinenko**

**Bunny Chong
Frank Keener
Richard Thomas
Uta Thomas
John Mayfield**

Anchor Point

The Anchor Point folks have been very busy this fall! On September 26th, **Sgt. Dunn** with the Alaska State Troopers taught a one night traffic control class that was attended by Anchor Point and Homer CERT volunteers as well as Anchor Point Volunteer Fire and EMS staff.

The class was organized because people (including CERTs and others in the emergency response community) expressed an interest! We owe **Sgt. Dunn** a big thank you for being so responsive as well as for being a thoroughly prepared, engaging and knowledgeable instructor!

Also happening in Anchor Point this fall were a series of CERT refresher and make-up classes that culminated in a community-wide exercise on November 18th. In addition to CERT volunteers, the exercise involved staff from Anchor Point Volunteer Fire and EMS and the Alaska State Troopers. The community exercise was well attended and we added two new CERT volunteers to the Anchor Point group - **welcome aboard Michelle and Steven Friend!** A **BIG** thank you to **Rachel Bice** and **Carolyn Roderick** for all their work organizing, teaching and supporting emergency preparedness training and exercises! Their energy and commitment to emergency preparedness is truly a gift to the Anchor Point community! Likewise - thank you to the **Anchor Point Volunteer Fire and EMS** and **Alaska State Troopers** for building bridges into the community and for making the exercises as realistic and as safe as possible - we truly appreciate your support of community emergency preparedness!

When it comes to emergency preparedness, the community of Anchor Point has been both active and creative! It all started about three years ago when a handful of folks completed CERT training and recognized a need to encourage community involvement and support ongoing training. In cooperation with the Anchor Point Senior Center, the non-profit Anchor Point Disaster Response Program (APDRP) was born. The APDRP's non-profit affiliation with the Senior Center enabled them to write grants for training equipment and acquire an Americorps RAVEN volunteer to support and coordinate the program. Basically, thanks to the leadership of a handful of innovative and committed people, Anchor Point is actively involved in community emergency preparedness! Well done Anchor Point CERTs!!

CERTS Participate in November 17th Mass Dispensing Exercise!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the mass dispensing exercise on November 17th! The exercise was organized to test the ability of health providers to handle large crowds in the event of a real emergency such as a pandemic or bioterror attack. At the Kenai Army site, 430 people showed up to help test the system and 399 of them received flu shots. At the Soldotna Sports Center drive-up, 378 people came through and 368 of them received shots. CERT volunteers **Jane Handy, Frank Keener, Al and Bunny Chong** and **Leslie Calloway** all pitched in to help make the exercise a success! Many thanks!

UPCOMING TRAINING

Search and Rescue

Sgt. Dunn of the Alaska State Troopers is organizing a 20-hour introductory search and rescue class in Anchor Point. The class will be held in February (dates and times to be announced), and in order to attend, you need to join the Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA), which involves a one page application and a \$25 fee. Once you've joined ASARA, the training, which is valued at \$250, is free - so it's actually a VERY good deal!

If you're interested in attending this training, you need to submit your ASARA application and contact Sgt. Dunn as soon as possible! He needs to know who will be participating at least 45 days in advance, so class materials can be ordered. For an ASARA membership application or more information, contact Sgt. Dunn (235-8239) or email: arthur_dunn@dps.state.ak.us. Don't delay - you don't want to miss this great training opportunity!



American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED

These classes offer First Aid, Adult, Infant & Child CPR and AED. You may sign up for any part you need. The classes are held at the Red Cross Office, 503 Frontage Road in Kenai. Call 283-4556 to register.

Jan 10th & 11th (Wed & Thurs) Evening class 6pm to 10pm

Jan 27th (Saturday) 8am to 5pm

Feb 7th & 8th (Wed & Thurs) Evening Class 6pm to 10pm

Feb 24th (Saturday) 8am to 5pm



CERT

We have people interested in CERT classes in Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Anchor Point, Homer, Hope, Seldovia, Tyonek, Nikiski, Port Graham, and Seward. *If you can help instruct in one of these communities - please get in touch - we need your help!*



Fire Corps - Wildfire Preparedness

The KPB Spruce Bark Beetle (SBB) Mitigation Program is continuing to work on Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). Currently, eight plans have been completed and are available on the KPB Spruce Bark Beetle website (<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/sprucebeetle/>). After the first of the year, community meetings will be scheduled to review the plans and prioritize mitigation projects.

Fire Corps training, which covers the basics of wildfire behavior, defensible space, fire-resistant landscaping, evacuation and sheltering-in-place is being coordinated with the CWPP community outreach. Watch the SBB website and we'll also provide email updates as training and meeting schedules develop!

If you're interested in learning more about wildfire preparedness or helping with the CWPP in your community, contact Glenda Landua at the KPB Office of Emergency Management (907-262-2098) or Roberta Wilfong at the KPB Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program (907-260-6202). Useful wildfire preparedness information is also available online at:

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/sprucebeetle/>
<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/>
<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/>
<http://www.firewise.org/>



NIMS Training Reminder

If you've been tuned in to recent emails and newsletters, you'll recall that we need all of our CERT volunteers to complete two of the introductory **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** training modules - IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction and ICS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System. The courses need to be completed as soon as possible and are available online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp> The course materials are also available in hard copy or on disk - just stop by or give us a call.

If you have any questions about the courses, please feel free to contact Glenda (262-2098) or Kay (262-2096). Thank you to those industrious souls who have already completed the courses and forwarded their certificates or email FEMA completion notices - your participation and hard work is sincerely appreciated!!



Online Courses

National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

ICS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System



IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness

Go to: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is>, Click on "Our Courses" on the left side of the page, Click on IS-22.

CERT Refresher Course

Go to: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is317.asp> to download the course.

As you complete the NIMS courses, please forward the course completion acknowledgement from FEMA to glandua@borough.kenai.ak.us. Thanks!

KENAI PENINSULA CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAMS

Volunteer opportunities abound!

Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness -
This winter we're turning our attention to the important work of neighborhood readiness. We're currently developing a pilot program similar to neighborhood watch - but with an important emergency preparedness emphasis. All we need are people in each community who are interested in working with their neighbors to set things in motion! If you live in Anchor Point, contact Rachel Bice at the Anchor Point Senior Center (235-7786) or by email: yipez@hotmail.com. If you live outside the Anchor Point area, contact Glenda Landua (262-2098 or 1-800-478-4441, ext. 2098, or by email: glandua@borough.kenai.ak.us).



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