



KENAI PENINSULA CITIZEN CORPS



Resources for building stronger, safer communities on the Kenai Peninsula

Winter 2008

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Resolve to be Ready 2009

Individual planning is the cornerstone of
emergency preparedness.

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Who Needs a NOAA Weather Radio?

EVERYONE!! NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts hazard warnings and post-event information for all types of hazards – both natural (such as earthquakes and volcano activity) and technological (such as chemical releases or oil spills).

The radios are especially valuable in places that are entrusted with public safety; including hospitals, schools, places of worship, nursing homes, restaurants, grocery stores, recreation centers, office buildings, sports facilities, theaters, retail stores, airports and other public-gathering places.

On the Kenai Peninsula, NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts over the following high-band VHF frequencies:

Location	Freq.
Anchorage	162.550
Soldotna	162.475
Bede Mountain	162.450
Homer	162.400
Ninilchik	162.550
Rugged Island	162.425
Seward	162.550

www.weather.gov/nwr

USEFUL WEBSITES

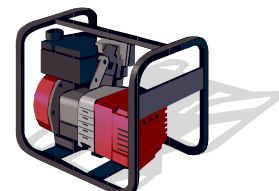
Winter road conditions:
<http://511.alaska.gov>

Other emergency information and links:
www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/default.htm

Portable Generator Safety Tips

Portable generators are a valuable back up source of power for heat, light, refrigeration and cooking if you are **“safety aware”**:

- ◆ Ensure that the generator has been stored **dry**.
- ◆ Only operate the generator **outside in a well-ventilated, covered area**.
- ◆ Only use **heavy-duty, outdoor rated power cords**.
- ◆ Make sure the generator is **property grounded**.
- ◆ Ensure the generator output is sufficient to the demand by **comparing wattage and amperage — before you need it!**
- ◆ **Plug appliances directly into the generator** instead of connecting the generator to your home electrical system— **unless you have a switch-over system installed by a licensed electrician**.
- ◆ Turn all appliances off **before** shutting down the generator.



Upcoming Upcoming



Soldotna CERT class

The class will start March 2nd and run Mon, Thur, and Fri evenings from 6-9pm, ending with a disaster drill on Saturday, March 22.

3/2—Intro. to Disaster Preparedness

3/5—Fire Safety

3/6—Disaster Medical I

3/9—Disaster Medical II

3/12—Light Search and Rescue

3/13 & 3/16—ICS & CERT Organization

3/19—Disaster Psychology

3/20—Terrorism & Community Safety

3/23—Course Review

3/28—Disaster Drill/Final (9am-2pm)

Please email glandua@borough.kenai.ak.us or call 262-2098 to register for the class.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Wednesday, January 21, 6-8 pm

The **KENAI FIRE DEPARTMENT** is hosting a **CERT Volunteer Open House** - Join us to tour Kenai Fire Stations No. 1 and 2 and the Dispatch Center. A confirmation of the date and time and more details will follow by email!

Saturday, January 24 — Cooper Landing CERT Potluck

Bring a dish and a friend and let's discuss how CERT can serve Cooper Landing! A confirmation and more details about the time and place to follow by email.

www.kpvolunteers.org

A message from the Alaska Chapter of the American Red Cross...



Hardly a day goes by without a Red Cross volunteer Disaster Action Team (DAT) responding to an emergency, usually a house or apartment fire. All disaster assistance is free and takes the form of food, new clothes, and safe lodging. Caseworkers also meet with families after a disaster to provide continuing support, which might include referrals to other agencies. Red Cross volunteers do all they can to get disaster clients back on their feet under their own power as quickly as possible.

Sound like something you're interested in doing? As a Disaster Services volunteer, you will work either directly with clients to meet their immediate needs, or behind the scenes to make resources available to clients. Locally, volunteers serve on one of three DAT teams: Homer, Soldotna, or Seward. In the past three months, team members have helped eleven families along the Kenai Peninsula.

For information about Red Cross services, or to join a DAT in your community, please contact Mary Lowery at LoweryM@usa.redcross.org or call 907-646-5407.

And, by the way, we have some great Disaster Services classes coming to the Kenai Peninsula in April 2009. We'll keep you posted on the dates, or you can contact us for a sneak peek!

www.alaska.redcross.org

How vulnerable are you to wildfire?

In conjunction with the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) process, three wildfire classes are in the works for the Funny River, Sterling and Soldotna/Ridgeway areas. Topics will include: wildfire behavior, peninsula fire history, creating defensible space, safe zone characteristics and how to decide whether to evacuate or stay and defend. Dates and times will be available soon!



Recent Training

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Many thanks to **Mike Huckabay** and **Sam Sathite** for their leadership and



skilful instructing during the two fall CERT classes. Seventeen people completed the training sessions! Additional teaching talent for the classes included **Firefighter Cory Lehl** (KFD), **Chaplain Keith Randall** (CES), **Investigator Mitch Langseth** (KPD), **Cpt. Pete Mlynarik** (AST) and **Lt. Dane Gilmore** (AST).



For helping with the drill, thanks to the **Kenai Fire Fighters Assoc.**, the **Kenai Civil Air Pa-**



tro (Cadet Leader **David Ahlberg** and Cadets **Tanner** and **Sheldon Penrod**, **Jesse Cobb**, **Lauren Countryman**, **Ibby Hawkins**, **Merick** and **JD Ahlberg**, **Kasey McGee**, **Zachary Smardo**, **Alex Agosti**, **Jared Lingafelt** and **Paul Adams**, **Kenai Fire Dept.** (Fire Marshall **Eric Wilcox**, **Capt. Tony Prior**, Firefighters **Abe Porter** and **Zach Petit**), **CES Capt. Lesley Quelland**, **CERT Volunteers** (**Stacey Day**, **Nancy Schrag**, **Gordon Merrill**, **Mark West**, **Tom Burg**, **Jackie** and **Stephen Stringham**, **Lyle Scrimger**, **Jane Schultz**, **Victor Hett** and **Billie Jean Williams**). An amazing cast of back-up support!! **THANK YOU ALL!!**

Congratulations and welcome aboard to: **Ruth and Sonny Acopan**, **Lyn Brooks**, **Tom Burg**, **Dave Merrill**, **Griselda Mustard**, **Todd Pollack**, **Lyle Scrimger**, **Jane Smith**, **Dennis Ghormley**, **Becky Foster**, **Adam London**, **Keith Pieh**, **Alan Black**, **Ronald Itumulria**, **Nils Savetilik**, **Sylvia Sheldon**, and **Frances Smith** !!

Additional class photos are available at: www.kpvolunteers.org/CCscrapbook.htm.



CERT Volunteers — IS-100 and 700 NIMS training is required for all volunteers who may assist during disasters and for all programs that receive federal funding. Please help us keep our training grant!

For more information about NIMS, please visit http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_alert.shtm

IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System
IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

FEMA - Online Emergency Management Training
<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

After you complete each class, please forward FEMA's confirmation email to glandua@borough.kenai.ak.us.

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CERT Volunteers and
Instructors

We value your feedback!
Please help guide the program
by visiting www.kpvolunteers.org
and clicking on the
short online survey.

*Thank you for your involvement in emergency planning and training and best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy New Year from all of us here in the Office of Emergency Management!!
Scott, Glenda, Bonnie and Kay*



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