

## **Charter of the Eugene-Springfield Area Community Emergency Response Team**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of Eugene-Springfield CERT is to promote public disaster awareness, facilitate training and other disaster preparations in neighborhoods, and aid first-responders in the event of a disaster.

### **Vision**

Residents of every neighborhood in the Eugene-Springfield area are prepared to help each other and show resilience in the face of disaster.

### **Mission**

On an ongoing basis, increase the pre-disaster preparedness of Eugene-Springfield area neighborhoods to better enable post-disaster resilience.

### **Objectives**

Objective 1: Provide information and training to improve the disaster awareness, preparation, and core skill set of neighbors in Eugene-Springfield neighborhoods.

Objective 2: Maintain a state of readiness within Eugene-Springfield CERT through continual advanced training and practical exercises.

Objective 3: Understand and respond to probable local disasters by creating realistic response plans that provide emergency assistance to affected neighborhoods while they await first responder aid.

### **Organization**

Program Coordinator: The coordinator is the head of Eugene-Springfield CERT. This person supports the steering committee, receives the activation notice from the Advisory Council and disseminates as appropriate.

Steering Committee Chair: The chair leads steering committee meetings and event operations activities. The chair also takes charge of Eugene-Springfield CERT in the event that the coordinator is unavailable.

Steering Committee: The steering committee is a panel of trusted CERT volunteers who lead the functional sections of the organization and provide advice and other service as required by the coordinator and chair.

General Membership: Anyone who completes the initial training, passes a background check, and subscribes to the three Eugene-Springfield CERT objectives.