

South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (www.southcountyevc.org)

Covid-19 has given new meaning to preparedness and resiliency. The South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC) has kept moving forward over these past months. Zoom has become the STCEVC's technology of choice as we continue to meet and work on projects.

With the financial support of the Neskowin Community Association, the STCEVC incorporated and obtained its 501(c)3 status. Our Board of Directors has been meeting monthly to oversee various emergency preparedness projects.

The STCEVC Wayfinding Committee has begun the installation of **Tsunami Evacuation Route, Assembly Area** and **Leaving Tsunami Zone** signs. Please read Jean Cameron's article for a complete update. The STCEVC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been meeting monthly to conduct tabletop exercises. Recently, we had a virtual presentation by Curtis Ryan, BSN, RN from the Oregon Burn Center on the identification and care of burns.

Gary Dunn and the STCEVC Emergency Communications Committee has been working to expand our GMRS radio and Ham network throughout South County. Bill Busch is developing a virtual Ham class for the Fall. For more information please see Bill Busch's article on the class. ([Is there a link to insert here?](#)) The South County Water and Sewer Districts have been meeting regularly to discuss emergency preparedness, especially how to become integrated into the emergency communications network. The Neskowin Water District is a leader in emergency preparedness planning thanks to the commitment of Troy Trute and the Board of the Water District.

The South County Medical Reserve Corps led by Dan Sheridan, RN and Roger Wicklund, MD are involved in bi-weekly Covid-19 discussions with the other health care providers in Tillamook County. We have two contact tracers in Neskowin who hopefully will never be needed.

A STCEVC Emergency Supplies Shed Committee has formed led by volunteers on The Crest. They are learning from volunteers in Cape Meares how to build and stocks sheds. They are developing a model that will be used at all tsunami assembly areas in Neskowin, Pacific City, Tierra Del Mar and Sandlake.

These projects are all moving forward with volunteer commitment and labor. We need more volunteers! If you would like to assist in any of these efforts, please contact me at our website www.southcountyevc.org.

Thank you for your commitment to emergency preparedness! And please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and engage in social distancing.

Stay healthy,

Marge Jozsa, President
STCEVC Board of Directors