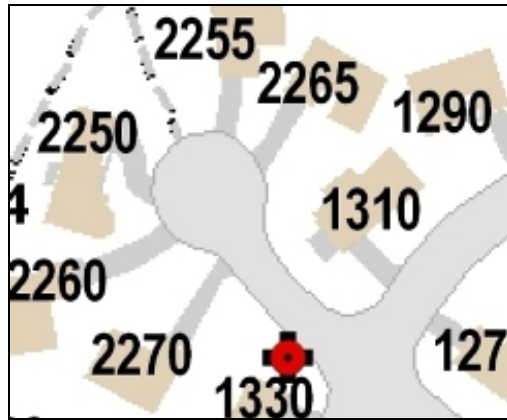




"Life is inherently messy....But out of the messiness comes great things."

Author and organizer *Margaret Wheatley*

**Community Quote of the Month and new CERT Office Motto**



Ashland Map Your Neighborhood

## **1. Letter From the Program Coordinator**

**Dear Team,**

We did it! In September, CERT had booths at Tuesday and Saturday Farmers Markets, our CERT **ARE YOU READY?** banner flew over Main Street, and ads and coupons celebrated CERT in Sneak Preview and ValPak. Then we invited 200 of our closest neighbors, and they came over!



CERT members and neighbors hosted 10 MYN meetings, with attendance of about 130, and from what I have heard from the hosts and leaders, they were all really positive! Already in the office we have a list of people who are immediately interested in mapping their neighborhoods. This simple plan works, and our community will be prepared and resilient because of it.

From MYN, we are moving directly into planning for CERT Basic Training. We are activating the **Ugly Mugs**—CERT members who are willing to assist and model our CERT Incident Command System (ICS) organization (Incident Management Team of Planning, Logistics and Operations) in support of the training. We need you. Please let us know if you are willing to help out, either for the training itself or to help us prepare.

Sincerely,  
Lucy Edwards



CERT at Farmer's Market September 2008

## **2. News Briefs**

**CERT General Meeting next Wednesday night, Oct 8:** at 7:00-Home Preparedness (announced above).

**Listen to author Amanda Ripley (and CERT's Lucy Edwards) from Jefferson Exchange** interviewed Tuesday, Sep 9, 2008, 8-9 AM

[http://podcastdownload.npr.org/anon.npr-podcasts/podcast/172/510073/94419014/JPR\\_94419014.mp3](http://podcastdownload.npr.org/anon.npr-podcasts/podcast/172/510073/94419014/JPR_94419014.mp3)

Amanda Ripley is author of the recent book *The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes — And Why*. This interview is also linked to our homepage at

[www.ashlandcert.org](http://www.ashlandcert.org)

**Planning for Winter Activations:** Since 2005, Ashland CERT has been activated and deployed every winter. Our now-routine winter activations are to make sandbags at Public Works B-Street Yard, and host No-Frills Emergency Shelters in extreme cold. We have found that sandbagging requires “just in time” training, and shelter requires orientation training and a simple background check. Please contact the office if you are interested in either winter activation so you can be on the immediate call list. 552-2226 or [cert@ashland.or.us](mailto:cert@ashland.or.us)

**Map Your Neighborhood:** CERT initiates preparedness plans in our neighborhoods! In September CERT volunteers hosted **10 neighborhood meetings**. Hosting involves inviting a group of neighbors (10-25 households) to your home for a 90-minute meeting. CERT members can help you lead your meeting. To date Ashland and Talent have 21 organized neighborhoods, and more planned for October. Contact the office if you would like to bring MYN to your neighborhood. 552-2226

**Farmer's Market-** Thank you to the great group of volunteers that spent time talking about CERT and Map Your Neighborhood at the Farmer's Market.

**ValPak:** October Map your Neighborhood and coupon for Free CERT Training!



If the Helmet fits...

**CERT ham radio study sessions in Oct:** A CERT study group is preparing for the exam Thursday evenings at the Fire Station (455 Siskiyou Blvd.). Dates: October 9 and 23, 7-8:30 PM. (The next test is October 25 in White City.) Paul Collins is facilitating these study sessions; he can be reached via e-mail [paul@gracion.com](mailto:paul@gracion.com).



CERT and friends at Farmer's Market

**EOC-ICS positions training:** Jackson County Emergency Management is sponsoring free ICS training for those who have taken 100 and 700. The next session is Thursday, October 23 from 1:30-3 PM. Call the office if you would like more information or want to attend.

**Base Repairs:** Lincoln base roof needs repair. Many CERT bases need to be inventoried. If you would like to help, please contact the office. 552-2226 or e-mail [cert@ashland.or.us](mailto:cert@ashland.or.us)

**CERT Leadership Meetings:** Leadership meetings begin at 6:30 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**This Month:** On October 22, at 6:30PM at the Fire Station.

**Nearby CERT Teams and Resources:**

**RV-1 CERT:** Meets at the District 5 Fire Station, Talent. Call Ashland CERT to connect with Team RV-1. 552-2226

**Jacksonville CERT:** For information about CERT in Jacksonville, contact [jvilleCERT@gmail.com](mailto:jvilleCERT@gmail.com) or call Gayle Lewis at 541-899-7023.

**CERT in Josephine County:** For information about CERT in Josephine County, their contact phone is: (541) 592-6334. <http://www.jococert.org>



EOC-ICS training in Medford. Next class: October 23 at 1:30 PM

**Next CERT Basic Training:  
October 17-18 and October 24-25, 2008**



**4. CERT Calendar for October 2008**

**OCT 1 (WED) ValPak coupon on MYN and CERT Training**

**OCT 7 (TUE) Shelter planning group 2 PM at Station One**

**OCT 8 (WED) Jackson County Domestic Preparedness 8:30 AM, Smullin Center**

**OCT 8 (WED) CERT General Meeting. 7-8:30 PM Fire Station One, 455 Siskiyou Blvd. Household Preparedness**

**OCT 9 (THU) Ham radio study group, Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd. 7-8:30 PM**

**OCT 13 (MON) MYN Debriefing and Follow-up 6:30 PM Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd.**

**OCT 16 (THU) Ugly Mug Briefing 6:30 PM Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd.**

**OCT 17-18, 24-25 CERT BASIC TRAINING-Both Weekends required.**

**OCT 22 (WED) CERT Leadership Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd.**

**OCT 23 (THU) EOC ICS training 1:30-3 PM in Medford.**

**OCT 23 (THU) Ham radio study group, Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd. 7-8:30 PM**

**OCT 27-29 (MON-WED) Portland Volunteer Management Conference.**

**OCT 30 (THU) Ugly Mug Debrief 6:30-8 PM at Fire Station, 455 Siskiyou Blvd.**

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> ValPak announcing MYN and Basic Training	<b>2</b> E-Newsletter	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Shelter Planning 2PM	<b>8</b> <small>Dom Prep Mtg</small> <b>GEN MTG 7PM</b> Home Preparedness	<b>9</b> Ham Study Group 7PM- Sta. 1	<b>10</b> Planning-Basic Training	<b>11</b>
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