

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of "Emergency Preparedness Month"
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager Gail Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Every year disasters disrupt the lives of thousands throughout the United States. Being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur. The month of September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month," and this proclamation declares September 2013 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in the City of Shoreline. Residents and businesses are encouraged to implement emergency preparedness measures as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of the Shoreline community and State. City resources to help Shoreline residents be prepared are available on the City's website, [Prepare for an Emergency](#).

Shoreline resident and Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteer Alan Coburn along with Gail Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator, will be at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

In addition, this year the City has partnered with King County to renew the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City will host a North King County Regional meeting on Tuesday, September 24, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Shoreline City Hall. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about identified hazards in the City of Shoreline such as earthquakes and flooding, and potential impacts of these hazards to individual home properties. The City has partnered with local businesses/agencies that will be in attendance to answer questions regarding emergency preparedness. Partners include: American Red Cross, Auxiliary Communications Team (ACS), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), King County Emergency Management staff, King County Medical Reserve Corp., Shoreline Fire Department, Shoreline Home Depot, Shoreline's Office of Emergency Management, and the Washington State Animal Response Team.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the King County survey regarding potential hazards within the region. The survey is accessible through this link, [King County Regional Hazard Mitigation-Public Awareness Survey](#).

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should present the proclamation to Alan Coburn and Gail Harris.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **IS**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur; and

WHEREAS, September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, all Shoreline residents should make themselves and their families self-sufficient for at least a week following a natural or person-made disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages residents and businesses to participate in the "Get Ready Shoreline" Campaign and learn how they can prepare themselves for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council urges all Shoreline residents to implement emergency preparedness measures at home, at work, and in their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, individual preparedness leads to local, state and national preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the City is also preparing to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan and would like to invite the public to attend the **Emergency Preparedness Event on September 24th at 6:00 pm here in the City Council Chambers.**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2013 as

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Keith McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline