

Yakima Valley Emergency Management QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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YVEM Updates

- YVEM has recently acquired two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs/drones) to bring more deployable tools to our partners. These UAVs will allow us to provide both HD & infrared photography/video, scene lighting, and public address capabilities. The UAVs will be deployed with our duty officers and can be requested at any time. YVEM purchased one UAV and will be presented with another by Pacific Power.
- YVEM will begin issuing new ID cards to our volunteers, examples will be sent to our partner agencies for reference.
- The first Community Emergency Response Team Basic Academy went very well and we hope to offer class number two in the fall. With the success of the academy and public interest YVEM will be working on a strategy to integrate CERT teams back into communities. CERT team members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as first aid, triage, and basic damage assessments. They will be great assets to local fire departments, YVEM and their communities whenever disaster strikes.



Upcoming Events

July		August		September	
Date & Time	Event	Date & Time	Event	Date & Time	Event
7/2	PP&L Drone Presentation to YVEM	8/6	Yakima County LEPC Quarterly Meeting	9/14	Selah Base Race
7/4	Independence Day (Office Closed)	8/15	Region 8 Homeland Security Meeting	9/19	Yakima County LECC Quarterly Meeting
7/12 10:00am	2019 YAT TTX Final Planning Meeting	8/29	State Catastrophic Incident Planning Team Meeting -Camp Murray		
7/16 5:30pm	Nile/Cliffdell Wildfire Preparedness Community Meeting	TBD	2019 YAT Tabletop Exercise		
7/17 9:30am	YVEM Executive Board Quarterly Meeting	TBD	Volunteer Meet & Greet		
7/23	JIC News Release Best Practices & CGS Issues Meeting				
7/24	Homeland Security Coordinators Meeting				

Upcoming Trainings

August		
Date & Time	Training	Registration Link
8/1 8am-5pm	Intro to Continuity of Government Planning Franklin County EM, 1011 E. Ainsworth St., Pasco, WA	Click Here
September		
Date & Time	Training	Registration Link
9/26-9/27 9am -4pm	Grant Writing Workshop City of Union Gap Board Room, 102 West Ahtanum, Union Gap, WA	Click Here

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Camping Safety Tips

- Remain hydrated & bring extra water when recreating outdoors.
- Find out what the weather will be and plan accordingly. Remember if thunder roars, go indoors.

Protect your Skin

- Use at least SPF 15 sunscreen and re-apply every 2 hours.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses to protect your head and eyes from the sun.

Fireworks safety tips

- Only use fireworks away from people, houses and flammable material.
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after ignition.
- More information can be found [here](#).