



CERT in Dungeness Heights Search and Rescue Team

website: dungenessheightssearchandrescue.org

Introducing CERT

We would like to introduce you to a volunteer organization in Clallam County and Dungeness Heights called CERT which stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

CERT is organized by the Clallam County Fire Department #3 in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.)

CERT members are trained to perform light search and rescue and basic first aid.

In case of catastrophic disaster (such as a severe earthquake and tsunami) there will not be enough emergency personnel to respond to the expected many calls for help. This is where CERT volunteers can help.

CERT is not Map Your Neighborhood (now called Clallam Ready) headed by Eileen Damian and Dolores Wolfe. Clallam Ready maintains a proprietary contact list of area residents and are a separate organization from CERT.



CERT team members during a search and rescue drill

The CERT team in this area extends from the Dungeness River to the Juan de Fuca Strait and includes all of Dungeness Heights.

The program originated in California and was brought to Sequim in 2016. It has become one of the best CERT programs in the state.

CERT teams throughout Clallam County assist with community events including providing traffic management.

We have helped with food distribution for the Food Bank and the administration of vaccinations during the pandemic.

Why is CERT even necessary?

While other parts of the country are at risk for hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, etc., we are most at risk for a severe earthquake and resulting tsunami.

This level of earthquake occurs periodically as a result of continental plate movements off the west coast.

It could affect major portions of the West Coast with devastating destruction.

Roads, bridges, electricity, and communication expect to be down for weeks or more.

The results from a massive tsunami could wash away everything between the Strait and Sequim-Dungeness Rd.

What is CERT 7?

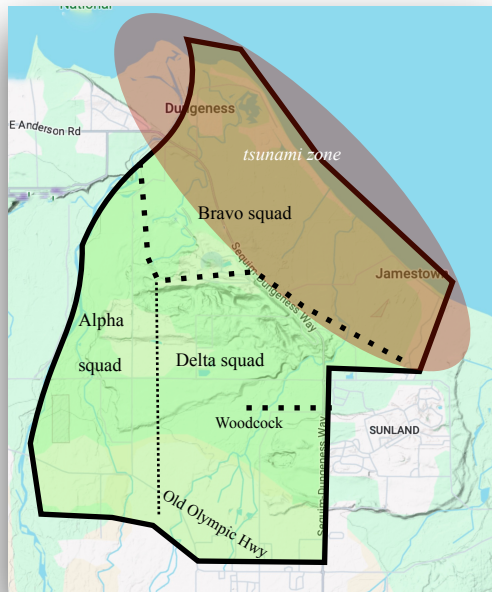
CERT 7 is one of 17 teams in Clallam County which together extend from Deer Park Road to west of Discovery Bay. Each team consists of smaller squads. There are three squads in CERT 7.

Our Bravo squad includes the area on the map from the Dungeness River to the Strait and areas north of upper Brigadoon and Brittany. The Alpha and Delta squad areas cover Towne Rd and south of the ridge to Old Olympic Hwy.

Although we are trained to rescue neighbors who may be trapped in their homes or injured during an earthquake, we are also concerned for the people who are evacuating from the tsunami to higher ground.

Unfortunately, we cannot rely on the Red Cross or even local emergency organizations to help. Due to our remoteness, it may be a long time before help arrives.

We hope to have the help of residents in Dungeness Heights in



CERT 7 and tsunami map

caring for neighbors who may be injured and tsunami evacuees who will be arriving exhausted and traumatized.

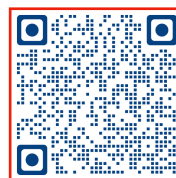
Who are the CERT members in our area?

Our Bravo team consists of 12 members, 3 of whom live in the tsunami zone.

Phyllis (lead) and Peter Morales
John and Mary Tatarsky
Marta and Pahola Garcia
Art Dewey
Cindy Grey
George Moyer
Larry Belmont
Jeb Bowdoin
Tony Lobato
John Baron (CERT 7 Captain)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR CERT 7 NEWSLETTER

Scan the QR code to add your name to our secure contact list.



What can you do to help?

First, see that you are prepared.

- Is your house attached to the foundation?
- Are bookcases and wall hangings securely attached to the wall?
- Do you have several weeks of food and water?
- Do you have equipment such as a tent or RV that could be used for shelter in case your house is damaged?
- Do you have a source of cooking heat such as a propane barbecue or fireplace pit? Do you have fuel?
- Do you have an emergency toilet system such as a bucket with a portable toilet seat, plastic bags and toilet paper?

Consider joining the CERT Bravo team

CERT trainings are provided by the Clallam County Fire Dept. #3 most months. It consists of three Saturdays plus monthly followup meetings. There are many ways to participate in addition to Search and Rescue.

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