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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **PREPARE TOGETHER IN 2014 A SUCCESS**

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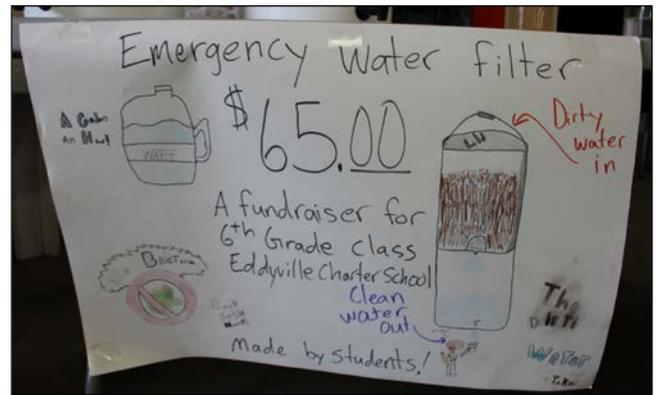
The Prepare Together in 2014, emergency readiness fair, held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 25 was attended by over 320 individuals, despite the season's first high wind warning. Several attendees commented that this event was "one of the best readiness fairs we've had in the County to date."

The readiness fair provided educational information and demonstrations about how to mitigate hazards in the home, business and community. Local public safety groups, volunteers and vendors (see sponsor listing below) were on hand to help guide attendees or answer the "how to", "what if", and "why should I" type questions they may have had. The focus of the readiness event was "Prepare in a Year - *choose one hour each month to do one activity...*" Each attendee was given a prepare in a year reminder to encourage them to take the necessary small steps in 2015 to develop their individual or family readiness plan.

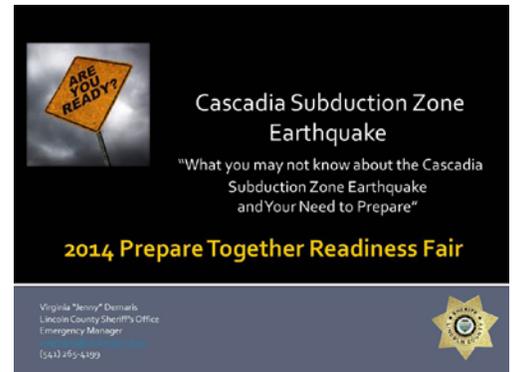
Helen Ballantyne, Newport resident and NOAA employee commented, "It's a great event, especially for those new to this region, staffed by people that really know their stuff when it comes to preparedness and education. One of my favorite take away's is the practical, no-nonsense, inexpensive, preparedness tricks you pick up at this event. Thank you to all of the people who spend so much of their free time planning, sponsoring, setting up and being available to help coordinate."

A poster titled "Prepare Year" with a circular arrow logo. It contains the text: "The key to successful disaster readiness is to choose one hour each month to do one activity... add your planned activity to your calendar as a reminder." Below this, it says "Go to Lincoln County Emergency Management website and download this useful planning guide" with the URL [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net). The poster features a grid of 12 numbered icons representing different disaster preparedness activities: 1. Action Plan, 2. Check Home Contact, 3. Water, 4. 90 Hour Contact Kit, 5. Important Documents, 6. Evacuation Routes, 7. Under the Bed, 8. Utility Safety, 9. Gas, Cook and Heat, 10. Fire Safety, 11. Shelter in Place, 12. Home Hazard Check. At the bottom, it provides "Additional disaster planning information:" including "Lincoln County Emergency Management (541) 265-4199" and the URL [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net). It also includes the Sheriff's Office logo and a "Citizen Alert" logo.

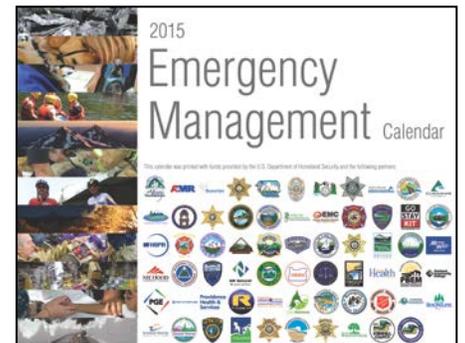
Many attendees were interested in the do-it-yourself water purification systems provided for purchase by the Eddyville Charter School as a school fundraiser; contact Teacher Sean Bedell, 541.875.2942, [Sean.Bedell@lincoln.k12.or.us](mailto:Sean.Bedell@lincoln.k12.or.us) for more information.



In conjunction with the readiness fair, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, Jenny Demaris provided a one hour presentation on the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake, with over 90 individuals attending. The presentation focused on the assumptions of impact regionally and locally as well as preparedness and mitigation efforts that could be put in place now to offset those potential impacts.



To guide or assist Citizens with their planning efforts they can stop by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to pick up a 2015 calendar or review the on-line version. The calendar provides monthly reminders and contact information for local public safety resources.

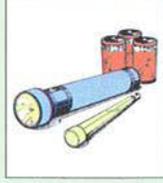
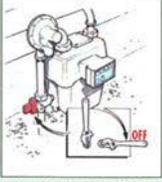


In 2015 Lincoln County Emergency Management will coordinate a readiness fair during the month of September, National Preparedness month. However, if Citizens or businesses have questions or need information about their readiness planning they can contact any of their City Emergency Management representatives, their local Fire Department/District or County Emergency Management.

Information discussed in this media release can be found on the Lincoln County Sheriff Office website at [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net) or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lincolncountysheriff>

- The Prepare in a Year packet
- Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake presentation slides
- 2015 Emergency Management Calendar (or stop by the Sheriff's Office to pick one up)
- Pictures from the 2014 Prepare Together readiness event (Facebook)

**Key to Successful Disaster Readiness: Choose one hour each month to do one activity. Write it on your planning calendar.**

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| 1. Action Plan  | 2. Out-of-Area Contact  | 3. Water  | 4. 72-hour Comfort Kit  | 5. Important Documents   | 6. Extended Events  |
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| 7. Under the Bed  | 8. Utility Safety   | 9. Drop, Cover and Hold   | 10. Fire Safety   | 11. Shelter in Place   | 12. Home Hazard Hunt  |

| Readiness Fair Sponsors   |  |
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| American Red Cross  | Lincoln County:  |
| Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Auxiliary Communication Services (HAM Radio)</li> <li>▪ Animal Services/Shelter</li> <li>▪ Emergency Management/Public Health</li> <li>▪ Search and Rescue</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depoe Bay CERT</li> <li>• Seal Rock CERT</li> <li>• Newport CERT</li> </ul>  |  |
| Eddyville Charter School (water kits)   | Oregon Freeze Dry (Mountain House foods)   |
| Fire and Rescue:  | OHSU, Oregon Office on Disability & Health Rep.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Depoe Bay Fire</li> <li>▪ Newport Fire</li> <li>▪ North Lincoln Fire</li> <li>▪ Seal Rock Fire</li> <li>▪ Siletz Fire</li> </ul> | Oregon State Police Volunteers   |
|   | Pacific West Ambulance   |
|   | Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (Child ID Kits)  |
|   | REACH for Life   |
|   | Samaritan Health Services  |
| Life Flight Network   | SERVPRO (disaster recovery)  |
| Lincoln City Emergency Management   | Thrive Life (disaster food)  |
| Lincoln City Electronic Superstore (disaster supplies)  | Toledo Police Department Explorers   |
| Lincoln County School District  | US Coast Guard Auxiliary   |
|   | University of Oregon, Natural Hazards Program  |

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