

Joint CPO 7 & CPO 1 Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Location: The meeting was both in person at the TVF&R Station 68 and virtual on Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Mary Manseau, CPO 7 Vice-Chair at 7:00 PM.

Community Briefings:

Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) provided updates on calls for service and responded to questions from attendees. Updates included:

- How to volunteer to become a WCSO reserve officer;
- Individuals 18 years and older can ask to do a Ride-a-long with deputies;
- Search and Rescue program is recruiting cadets aged 14-17;
- Community Academy applications will be opening soon.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R)

- Staff emphasized the importance of having an emergency plan and a designated meeting place;
- Information about emergency preparedness was shared.

Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD)

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD)

- Updates about programs and activities at THPRD were provided.
- Spring native plant sale online ordering begins March 2nd, with pickup on May 9th or 10th.
- THPRD is recruiting volunteers for various events.
- Attendees asked about proposed projects.

Presentation: Emergency Preparedness

Amy Sturgeon from Washington County Public Health and the Emergency Preparedness Department discussed county-wide emergency operation plans, the role of public health, and the importance of community awareness and input in emergency planning. Nancy Flores-Sanchez, Sr. Program Communication and Education Specialist with Washington County provided additional information about community outreach to assist neighborhoods to be equipped and prepared for emergency situations. Key points included:

- The Disaster Services Network is a community organization focused on emergency preparedness and response and is a platform for community involvement.
- The Take Five to Survive campaign is a method to make emergency preparedness less overwhelming by breaking it down into manageable tasks.
- Emergency preparedness recommendations included:
 - Be aware of potential hazards at home and in the community;
 - Get set up to receive alerts and warnings;
 - Identify multiple meeting places for family members in case of an emergency;
 - Designate an out-of-area contact person;
 - Consider individuals with different abilities in emergency planning.
 - Essential Supplies and Skills:
 - Have sufficient water stored and know how to purify water;
 - Sanitation and waste disposal, including the use of "poo buckets;"
 - Know how to maintain air quality and create a "clean air" room;
 - Directions for how to make DIY air filter using a fan and filter
 - Resources:
 - Websites like <https://www.publicalerts.org/> and <https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/take5> are valuable resources.
 - Community Resource Sharing: Create a neighborhood resource spreadsheet to document skills and available resources among neighbors.

A community member shared a personal experience of a fire, underscoring the value of being prepared.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM