



PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Sponsored Mass Casualty Training

August 29, 2014—The Washington County Sheriff's Office sponsored a multi-agency training event in partnership with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) and Metro West Ambulance.



From August 25th through August 27th, 2014, the Sheriff's Office sponsored mass-casualty training at the Village Baptist Church on NW Murray Boulevard. All Washington County law enforcement agencies were invited as well as widespread participation from TVF&R and Metro West Ambulance.

First responders have learned many lessons from recent tragic events, including the importance of timely care for injured victims and the efficient coordination between law enforcement and medical responders.



For the last 15 years, the Washington County Sheriff's Office has been training deputies and other law enforcement agencies in active threat response to identify and quickly stop a threat, particularly in a public environment.

During this intensive three day training, the Sheriff's Office and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) shared their collective knowledge, experience and each agencies emergency procedures to ensure a seamless response to any mass casualty event.

Washington County first responders have previously participated in extensive training in active threat and catastrophic situations. This training focused on a mass casualty event in both an indoor and outdoor business environment. There was an emphasis on securing the scene and providing safe expedited medical assistance and transportation.

The Sheriff's Office and TVF&R are pleased to have this opportunity to train together to provide improved services to the citizens of Washington County. We would like to thank the many volunteer role players and the Village Baptist Church for generously allowing the use of their buildings to facilitate the training in a real-life environment.

The Sheriff's Office urges anyone who hears of or has knowledge of someone talking about harming others to please notify their local law enforcement.