

## Committee Report/News Article for Public Safety Committee

December 2011 news article

The Laurelhurst Community Education Program for Emergency Preparedness presented at our Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Retired firefighter Mac McCawley, Project Leader led this training. We have made it a goal of this committee to bring this type of training to residents in conjunction with the Oregon Chapter of the Red Cross and Lewis and Clark College. It is our goal for committee members to take this training out to the public in short 1 hour presentations or to tag onto other presentations. We are meeting with L&C to bring even more advanced training to area residents including how to operate fire extinguishers with actual hands on demonstrations and trainings. A December meeting will help us establish a date in the first part of 2012 for a larger neighborhood event. We are also talking about putting videos on the SWNI website for basic preparedness tips.

The Crime Prevention news has mostly been about small break-ins to cars. Stefani Adams and the Public Safety Committee are going to team up to present Neighborhood Watch programs with a small segment dedicated to emergency preparedness going forward. It is our common goal to get a better educated populace and we want to take the opportunity to refresh the Neighborhood Watch Program and add component of emergency prep. If you want your neighborhood watch program updated call us to schedule a presentation.

We are in touch with a Portland area contractor The Earthquake Tech who has agreed to do workshops in early 2012 to show residents how to retrofit their own homes to prevent damage in the event of a large earthquake.

Join us at our regular committee meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Multnomah Center. Everyone is welcome.