

# BENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEER CORPS

*Volunteers of the Benton County Sheriff's Office*



## Seeking Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers from Benton County that can be trained and equipped to safely run emergency disaster response operations, and community emergency readiness training and engagement. No specific training required to apply.

### Application Steps

1. Submit a BCSO Volunteer application to [emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov)
2. Must pass the background check; if not, Emergency Management staff will contact you to discuss
3. Interview with Benton County Emergency Management Volunteers and Staff
4. Volunteer placement; if the BCEM Volunteer Corps is not a good fit, we will help to connect you with another program!

### Training Opportunities

We offer emergency readiness training for individuals and communities, training for emergency and disaster response, and plenty of event and public engagement opportunities. Training schedule will vary based on interest level, and time of year.

#### *Emergency Readiness Training for individuals and communities:*

- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
- Be 2 Weeks Ready (B2WR) program

#### *Emergency and Disaster Response training:*

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| -Mass Care and Sheltering           | -Reunification              | -Debris Assessment Surveys |
| -Call Center                        | -Evacuation Surveys         | -Damage Assessment Surveys |
| -Volunteer and Donations Management | -Pet & Livestock Sheltering | -County Deployments        |

#### *Event and Public Engagement Opportunities:*

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| -Benton County Fair        | -Get Outdoors Day       | -Drug Takeback          |
| -Philomath Farmer's Market | -Summit Summer Festival | -Open Streets Corvallis |

# JOIN US TODAY!



Call Chelsea Chytka, Emergency Management Coordinator, 541-760-2521  
or email us at [emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@bentoncountyor.gov)

**TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Several training opportunities exist within the Emergency Management Volunteer Corps, and each sub-group has its own training schedule. The following are the estimated training frequency for each group:

<b><u>Sub-Group</u></b>	<b><u>Training Cycle</u></b>	<b><u>Training Type</u></b>
Community Emergency Response Training	Up to 4x per year	CERT Instructors
Be 2 Weeks Ready	Public Request	B2WR Coordinators
Emergency Operations Center Support	Monthly	By invitation
Mass Care & Sheltering	Twice a Year	By interest
Call Center	Twice a Year	By interest
Reunification of Loved Ones	Once a Year	By interest
Damage Assessment Survey	Fall, 1x per year	By interest
Debris Location Survey	Fall, 1x per year	By interest
Evacuation Survey	Spring, 1x per year	By interest
Volunteers & Donations	Summer, 1x per year	By interest
Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP)	Spring/Summer, 1x per year	By interest
Point of Distribution (POD)	Spring/Summer, 1x per year	By interest
Pet & Livestock Sheltering	Spring/Summer, 1x per year	By interest

Training topics and cycles may vary depending on volunteer interest. Partner organizations and guest speakers will be requested to enhance and/or advance most trainings.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The BCEM Volunteer Corps must engage with the public to recruit new volunteers and to maintain relevancy in the community it services. As a Corps that is invested in training rural communities to be resilient and prepared in the event of an emergency, it is important to engage those communities when possible. The following are the estimated community engagement opportunities that the BCEM Volunteer Corps will be represented at:

<b><u>Event Title</u></b>	<b><u>Event Cycle</u></b>	<b><u>Noteworthy Details</u></b>
Get Outdoors Day	June	
Open Streets Corvallis	June	
Philomath Farmer's Market	June-September	1-2x per month
Benton County Fair	August	
Adair Night Out	August	
Philomath Night Out	August	
Summit Summer Festival	August	
Corvallis Resources & Wellness Fair	August	
Public Safety Chili Cookoff	September	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
BCEM Preparedness Fair	September	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
Philomath Fire Open House	October	
Adair Fire Open House	October	
Alsea Resource & Wellness Fair	November	

As events become available to represent the BCEMVC, the Community Engagement Coordinator will notify volunteers. Is something missing from the list? Please send an email to [Chelsea.chytka@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:Chelsea.chytka@bentoncountyor.gov) with the details.