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Re: Clallam County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Dear CC A.R.E.S. Membership:

Clallam County Emergency Management has directed Al Dawson, EC/ARES to bring the Amateur Radio Emergency Operators who would be deployed during an emergency response or recovery event into National Incident Management System compliance. This same directive has been given to all other Clallam County Emergency Volunteer Worker groups (e.g. Medical Reserve Corps, CC Emergency Operations Center support volunteers, CC Incident Management Team).

Over the next year, all Clallam County emergency volunteer and staff worker identification cards will be bar coded with the completed credentials of the responder. All Clallam County Emergency Identification cards will be scanned at the checkpoint of the Emergency Operation Center as well as field sites during the emergency or disaster event. Participation will be determined by the completed credentials on your identification card.

Completing Incident Command System 100; 200; 700; and 800 provides a consistent and standardized language to use during multi-agency, multi-discipline, and multi-jurisdictional responses. Historically, real events in Clallam County have called for such integrated responses. Clallam County will have a more effective outcome in saving lives and property when our responders are all working with the same response system and language that these training classes provide.

Clallam County will file its next NIMS compliance report by September 30, 2011. All Clallam County Law Enforcement & Fire Responders are required to complete the ICS classes as well the Port of Port Angeles workers, hospital and school administrative response teams. There are many other organizations in Clallam County that are also working towards compliance. Ultimately, by CC A.R.E.S. being a team player with other county responders, your agency becomes a stronger response organization itself as your members operate with a familiarity of the process.

Clallam County Emergency Management appreciates the extra effort you are expending in making Clallam County a more disaster resilient community. Please direct any of your questions or comments to Jamye at 417-2525, or Penny at 417-2483.

Respectfully,

Jamye Wisecup 360-417-2525

Cc: Al Dawson, Ron Peregrin, Lyman Moores, Penny Linterman, file