

Regional Just-In-Time Disaster Resource Center Training Materials Project

When Cascadia strikes, it's estimated that approximately 88,000 people will need shelter in Multnomah County alone. According to shelter guidance from FEMA and the Red Cross, the provision of 24 hour shelter operations will require 132 staff per 1,000 people sheltered. With an anticipated 88,000 displaced, just over 11,000 shelter staff will be needed. The whole of Multnomah County government only has 5,000 staff, a small fraction of people necessary to support sheltering. Training efforts have been ongoing and a cadre of nearly 400 people and growing, is being developed. However, workload and a myriad of other issues limits the number of people that will likely receive training prior to an event.

Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management is the point of contact for a regional grant that allows for the development of training modules and materials, in film and printed form, to be used both in advance and on-site by spontaneous volunteers to support both small and large scale shelter operations after an incident has occurred.

Throughout the past few months, over 100 Subject Matter Experts have weighed in on 18 different topics like: Chronic Health Issues, Alternate Communication Methods, Domestic Violence, and Trauma Informed Care, to name just a few.

Filming for the video series took place in January, and included the recording of a mock Disaster Resource Center set-up complete with demobilization. Approximately 25 community members were present to assist and helped with set up, played roles for filming, including bringing their children and pets! [C3 Church](#) in NE Portland, the same site that generously provided their facility for the Disaster Resource Center during the 2018 Cully/Scrapyard Fire, once again stepped forward, and donated their space for filming.

The printed material portion of this project is ongoing and has a completion date of December 2019. If you would like to be involved in the printed material development portion of this project, please reach out to Anna.Bergman@multco.us. We will need subject matter experts from a variety of fields to help develop the field operating guide for Disaster Resource Center operations.

Many thanks to ALL who have participated thus far in the many facets of this project!