

Multnomah County Emergency Management Brings on their First Cadre of Preparedness Advocates

In 2017 Multnomah County Emergency Management launched the Preparedness Advocates pilot program with the knowledge that there are many community members across the county that have limited access to disaster preparedness information because of barriers based on disaster materials and presentations being predominantly in English.

Emergency Management has teamed with Mercy Corps to create and deliver a cutting edge train the trainer program. Over the course of the project 70 people for whom English is their second language have completed the training and 8 have now joined Multnomah County Emergency Management as on-call staff.

In their new roles, the Preparedness Advocates will deliver emergency preparedness trainings in their native language and insure that the messages are culturally appropriate. They have also agreed to future trainings and to be part of response efforts during future disaster operations; providing language and cultural based technical assistance in the Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Information Center.

Emergency Management would like to extend a big thank you to our newest staff and to Mercy Corps for this very important effort.

Welcome:

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