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CITY OF BEAVERTON LAUNCHES SEASON OF SAFETY WITH CASCADIA RISING EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton is launching a “Season of Safety” to encourage preparedness, provide safety tips, and promote wellness concepts. The citywide effort is an opportunity to build a safer community by encouraging residents to get prepared, be safe, and live Beaverton Ready.

Throughout the summer, safety-themed resources will be shared to encourage safe practices in city neighborhoods, businesses and homes. Tips on disaster readiness, street safety, child protection, accident awareness, and more will be provided. Residents are encouraged to get involved by incorporating safe practices at home and in neighborhoods.

The Season of Safety will kick off with Cascadia Rising, a regional earthquake exercise to be held June 7 to 10. The multistate effort is an opportunity for the city’s Emergency Operations Center staff and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers to simulate response to a major earthquake effort, and to evaluate performance.

“The exercise is a great opportunity to get our emergency responders engaged in an active emergency scenario,” said the city’s Emergency Management Manager Mike Mumaw. “During the four-day period we will be performing life-saving and life-sustaining operations to address our response to a significant disaster. We want to be prepared and ready for all potential hazards big and small.”

The exercise, which is a coordinated effort with neighboring communities, state organizations and federal agencies, is intended to support joint-response efforts associated with an anticipated 9.0 magnitude earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The earthquake and potential resulting tsunami could be the most complex disaster scenario to face emergency responders in the Pacific Northwest.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city’s award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors’ Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named

a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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