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CITY OF NEWPORT TO PARTICIPATE IN GREAT OREGON SHAKEOUT EMERGENCY DRILL

The City of Newport will be participating in the Great Oregon Shakeout emergency drill on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 10:15 A.M. During the drill, certain city services will briefly be unavailable as staff and the visiting public will be evacuating city buildings.

The purpose of this drill is to give city staff, and the public, an opportunity to practice evacuation procedures. Even though the Great Oregon Shakeout focuses on earthquakes, evacuation of a building may need to occur for a variety of reasons. Evacuations due to fire, hazardous materials spill, or a police matter, are just a few examples. The goal of city staff is to be able to handle any type of emergency in an effective and efficient manner; and drills help accomplish this goal.

All city buildings that typically have citizens in them will have notices posted on the public entry doors and in other areas that the public may frequent such as reception counters and control desks. The notices will be posted at the opening of business on October 15.

At 10:00 A.M., the staff and public will be notified that a drill will occur in 15 minutes. At 10:15 A.M., staff and public, in city facilities, will be directed to the nearest exit and to an assembly area. Once everyone has been accounted for, business will resume, and the drill will be concluded.

The city is asking for the public's cooperation in making this drill a success. If you are in a city building at 10:15 A.M. on October 15, you will be required to evacuate the building as requested by city staff.

Various city facilities will also have displays of emergency "Go-Kits." This is a great opportunity to see what should be included in a "Go-Kit," so that you can make sure that your kit is adequately supplied and ready to go.

Questions may be directed to Rob Murphy, Fire Chief, at 541.265.9461 or to r.murphy@newportoregon.gov.

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