

Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee

We had a very interesting trial run with Gretchen O'Connor from Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team on May 10th. The scenario was a 7.5 earthquake. We were sent home with envelopes to open. Inside were instructions as to how we, family members, or our house fared. In my case the brick fireplace had crumbled and I was buried in bricks. Those on the committee who fared better had already reported in at the Community Center and were organizing a Search and Rescue teams. Any member who wasn't there was called. If no answer they were the first to be checked on so our teams would have more people to help others. The people living alone were a priority also. It went very well, Gretchen was impressed and also clarified areas that needed improvement. She thought it was just a matter of having these drills more often so that certain things became routine.

We will have our next meeting June 14th at 10am at the Community Building. All are invited to see what we are all about and how we are planning to function during an emergency situation on the island.

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