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Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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What hazards do we see here?

- Severe weather
- Landslides
- Earthquakes,
- Tsunami
- Pandemics
- Wildfires
- Propane fire

What else?



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A coalition of volunteer teams, plus key external partners.

- Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) - AKA amateur (ham) radio club
- Community Care Team (CCT) - spiritual/behavioral health after a disaster
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - supports VIFR and community
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – trained for disaster response

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A coalition comprised of all-volunteer teams, plus key external partners.

- Marine Emergency Response Team (MERT) – boat-based assistance
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – community public health initiatives
- Neighborhood Emergency Response Organizations (NERO) – mutual aid
- VashonBePrepared - newsletter team and admin/finance/website

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Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)

The emergency communications committee of the Vashon-Maury Island Radio Club

www.W7VMI.org

- Provides emergency communication services in support of other emergency support organizations (such as CERT and MRC).
- Trains volunteers on the use of radio equipment during emergencies.



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Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)



- Maintains caches of emergency radios and associated equipment.
- Communicates by radio if cell and landline phones are down.
- Communicates by radio (and email over radio) if the internet is down.



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Community Care Team (CCT)

A unit of Vashon Medical Reserve Corps

- Behavioral health and spiritual support professionals
- Can deploy during an emergency
- Helps families and patients at a shelter or a medical care site.
- Helps residents and visitors with reunification



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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Volunteers train to respond during emergencies, to help their neighbors and the island community.

CERT training courses:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Disaster Psychology
- Light Search and Rescue Techniques

Much more!





Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Coordinates emergency response and recovery in support of first responders and the community (all teams represented):

- Gathers information to help Incident Commander set priorities
- Compiles Incident Action Plan
- Obtains resources needed to achieve IC's goals
- Tracks those resources, including responder assignments and the cost of the response.
- Looks out ahead to forecast future response needs as the emergency evolves.

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Marine Emergency Response Team (MERT)

Based at Quartermaster Yacht Club

- Reach waterfront communities with only one road in.
- Assess and report shoreline and near-shore damage
- Beach community status signs: “HELP”
- Use both ham radio and marine VHF
- Can transport small cargo, first responders, ferry crews.





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Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Part of a national network under U.S. Health & Human Services (HHS).

Affiliated with Public Health Seattle-King County.

Includes doctors, nurses and other clinicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, funeral home staff, and medical administrators.



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Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- Provides health care and public health services
- Mass vaccination clinics every year since 2021
- Health fairs and community health education programs
- Surge medical support for emergencies and disasters



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Neighborhood Emergency Response Orgs (NEROs)

- Informal groups of five to fifteen households
- Check on neighbors after a storm, provide info, share skills, mutual aid
- Boost resilience by preparing together
- Over 260 NEROs on Vashon-Maury





newsletter/admin/finance/website

- Publishes newsletter every two weeks by email/Beachcomber/website
- Manages website for the coalition teams
- Manages the nonprofit corporation
- Applies for grants, pays the bills
- Activations: monitors burn rate
- Activations: collects/distributes funds
- Registered Emergency Worker mgmt

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External Partners



King County Emergency Management (KCOEM)

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue (**VIFR**)

Vashon Island School District (**VISD**)

Voice of Vashon (**VoV**)

