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### **Benton County Emergency Management to Participate in Cascadia Rising**

*CORVALLIS, Ore.* – Benton County Emergency Management is hosting Cascadia Rising earthquake preparedness training on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in Corvallis. Cascadia Rising is a national-level exercise with thousands of participants across the west coasts of the United States and Canada.

This training will provide participants with an opportunity to assess capabilities, plans, policies, and procedures for an earthquake of any size. It will focus on decision-making, communication, and coordination with other jurisdictions/organizations to simulate response operations within the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The expected outcome of the exercise is for participants to demonstrate proficiency in multi-agency implementation of EOC planning and execution.

Sixty-two individuals from the following agencies and organizations will participate in the exercise:

- Benton County
- City of Corvallis
- City of Philomath
- Linn County
- City of Albany
- Oregon State University
- City of Corvallis and Benton County volunteer Community Emergency Response Teams

The Cascadia Rising exercise will further prepare Benton County and its surrounding jurisdictions for preparedness and response, specific to the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake that historically occurs in the Pacific Northwest. To learn more about the CSZ visit the [USGS](https://www.usgs.gov).

For more information or questions on the Cascadia Rising exercise, please contact our Emergency Management Planner, [Sierra.Anderson@co.benton.or.us](mailto:Sierra.Anderson@co.benton.or.us).

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