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PRESS RELEASE

Clallam County Fire District 3 CERT Awards

The President's Volunteer Service Award was recently presented to seven Sequim Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers by Clallam County Fire District 3's (District) Fire Chief, Justin Grider. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes, honors, and celebrates citizens who make a positive impact as engaged, and profoundly committed, volunteers.

The Silver Award is for those volunteers donating 250-499 hours to community service during a year. Charles Meyer, Dale Fiorillo, and Donna Stoffel were awarded the Silver Award.

The Golden Award is for those volunteers donating 500, or more, hours to community service during a year. This award was presented to Butch Zaharias, Linda Enger, Sherrel Miller and Ernylee Chamlee.

There are over 500 CERTs within the District's response area. Members learn to be prepared for disasters that can happen in the community. CERTs learn disaster response skills such as light search and rescue, fire safety, and medical operations. Through their robust radio communications system, CERTs are able to share what is happening in their neighborhood with professional first responders so that they can best determine where help is needed.

As a CERT member, you can play an important role in helping people in your neighborhood or workplace before, during and after an emergency. To become a CERT member, those interested attend an academy consisting of three Saturdays. Upon completion, members are assigned to a team located in their neighborhood that meet once a month to maintain and continue developing their skills.

If you are interested in the CERT program, please contact Cindy Zechenelly at cert@ccfd3.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Pictured: Top (from left to right), Dale Fiorillo, Butch Zaharias, Donna Stoffel.
Bottom: (from left to right) Ernylee Chamlee, Sherrel Miller, Linda Enger.
Insert: Charlie Myer.

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