# Highlights of the Year 2016

Joyce Emergency Planning and Preparation Group



# January

ConEx steel storage unit set in place at Joyce Fire Department. Research on what we need in an emergency storage cache begins.

#### February

JEPP -Joyce Emergency Planning and Preparation established as our group name. Drafted organizational chart showing roles, relationships, and responsibilities of JEPP, Joyce Fire Department, Joyce Fire Auxiliary, and Local Community Organizations. We also established the organizational structure for our group.

#### March

Clallam County EOC officially accepts the micro-island concept. Command areas established. Developed list of recommended emergency supplies and equipment. Revised Red Cross Shelter Management Guide to suit our rural area.

# April

ConEx interior insulated and shelved to make suitable for food storage. Mapping of the Joyce Community begun to establish to facilitate the use of community resources during a major disaster.

#### May

Members continue to take courses and conduct research about emergency management scenarios. MOUs and Delegations of Authority are developed with legal assistance. Joyce Bible Church agrees to provide emergency shelter in their buildings. Red Cross agrees to offer a class in shelter management. Bake sales continue to raise money toward the purchase of identified supplies. Establish a need for larger sums of money to meet project goals. Prospects for corporate grants investigated. Community meeting held to update the Joyce citizens regarding Cascadia Rising and JEPP plans.

# June/July

With more than \$10,000 in materials donated and funds raised, stocking of cache begins. Acquired 78 sleeping bags and 25 cots. Sought solution for an affordable water filtration system. Designed custom made alternative for under \$1000. Prepared educational displays about earthquake preparedness for annual Joyce Daze event.

# August

Regional Cascadia Rising exercise reveals we have a long way to go in preparing for a major disaster. County commissioners asked to expand training, improve planning, and increase funding for disaster preparedness. County commissioners asked to recognize volunteers alone will not be able to manage such a large undertaking. Materials and equipment obtained for construction of a customized water filtration system. Set long range plans for stocking emergency supplies cache and preparing shelters. Articles appear in Peninsula Daily News. Field questions from similar community groups regarding disaster preparation.

# September/October

Local politicians take note of Clallam County emergency preparations and offer to provide support. JEPP Red Cross Shelter Management course attended by 24 people. Applications sent to various businesses and corporations requesting financial grants. Water filtration system completed and demonstrated at Joyce community meeting held in October.

# November/December

Community informational meeting in October well attended. Water filtration system passed health department test. Demonstration for Crescent Water Association Board of Trustees. Swain's and Walmart donate a total of \$2,025. Regional Fire Commissioners announce plans to hold annual meeting in Joyce in March 2017 to learn from JEPP's efforts. Cache now stocked with enough food for 100 people