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Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation Regarding Earthquake Preparedness and the Clackamas County Shake Out Drill

<b>Purpose/Outcome</b>	Awareness, safety, and protection during an earthquake.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	No direct budget impacts since this is an annual program that is shared between multiple County departments.
<b>Funding Source</b>	No County General Funds are involved.
<b>Safety Impact</b>	High – save lives and minimize injuries during an earthquake.
<b>Duration</b>	Shakeout occurs on October 15 at 10:15 AM
<b>Previous Board Action/Review</b>	No Board Action necessary. This is an annual earthquake safety drill.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Jay Wilson, Resilience Coordinator, Emergency Management, x4848
<b>Contract No.</b>	Not Applicable

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon is earthquake country and Clackamas County knows this first hand. In March 1993, the “Spring Break” quake roused many residents from sleep, damaging numerous homes and business, including severely damaging Molalla High School. State-wide, increasing attention is being given to the Cascadia Subduction Zone off of the Oregon coast and the potential for a magnitude 9.0 great earthquake.

Clackamas County requires all employees to participate in this annual earthquake drill to practice drop, cover and hold on. Residents and businesses are encouraged to take part in practicing this personal protective measure to make taking immediate action more intuitive, since earthquakes strike with no warning.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Presentation only, recommendation is for all County employees to participate in the October 15<sup>th</sup> drill.

Respectfully submitted,

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