

# Public Safety Fact Sheet

A publication of the Washington County Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee

*In response to recent world and national events, representatives from police and fire agencies, local governments, health officials and emergency managers within Washington County have increased coordination and communication. The goal of this effort, known as the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee (ATAC), is to help ensure an effective countywide response to a major public safety incident. Additionally, ATAC is committed to enhancing public safety by educating the community on topics of public interest and concern through an on-going series of informational fact sheets.*

## Family Locator Plan

Disasters usually strike without warning! You could be at work or running errands. Your spouse could be out-of-town on business. Your children could be at school or playing at a friend's house. If a disaster struck today, would you know how to find each other?

In an emergency, nothing else matters until you know that your family is safe. Taking a few minutes now to develop a **Contact List** and identify a **Meeting Place** may help you feel more safe and secure in the event of a disaster. Share the Contact List and Meeting Place with every member of your family. Make sure they understand how and when to use them.

## Contact List

- Make a list of the places that each family member frequents during the day: home, work, school, friend's house.
- Consider routine schedules and any favorite "hangouts" (*For example: Does your spouse stop at the gym before or after work? Does your son attend Boy Scout troop meetings? Does your daughter do her homework at a friend's house on certain afternoons?*).
- Collect the addresses and telephone numbers for each location. Don't forget cell phone and pager numbers.
- Add an out-of-state family member or friend as your contact if local telephone lines are down. Instruct each family member to call the out-of-state contact person and check-in if they can't get through to you on a local line (*long distance phone service is often restored before local service is available*).

## Meeting Place

- If it's not possible for you and your children to get home after an emergency, have a pre-established meeting place. Possible meeting places include your child's school, a fire station, a grocery store or a relative's house. Each family's meeting place will be different and will often depend on the age of the children in the family.

## Contacts for More Information:

To request a Family Disaster Preparedness Wallet Card (to document your Contact List/Meeting Place), contact the Office of Consolidated Emergency Management (OCEM).

Office of Consolidated Emergency Management (OCEM): (503) 649-8577 or [www.ocem.org](http://www.ocem.org)

American Red Cross: (503) 284-1234 or [www.redcross-pdx.org](http://www.redcross-pdx.org)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

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Will you find  
your family?  
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