

# Spring 2026 CDE After Action Report

## CDE held on May 30, 2026 1-4PM

The objectives were:

- Communications between team members and the Emergency Operations Center
- Building Size Up
- Search & Rescue
- Managing Team Members and Spontaneous Untrained Volunteers
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### Teams

Fifteen Portland Teams and eight CERT teams participated representing 69 neighborhoods/towns.

Each team had an exercise coordinator. This person was responsible to providing injects to the team during the exercise. They also contacted all members signed up on their team prior to the CDE in order to give them instructions on what to bring, when to arrive and where to show up. They attended an Orientation meeting; a planning meeting; and a hotwash.

#### **NET Teams**

Arbor Lodge  
Bridlemile  
Collins View/Marshall Park/Riverdale/South Burlingame  
Hillsdale  
Irvington/Boise-Eliot-Humbolt/King  
Laurelhurst  
Mt Scott/Arleta  
NW District  
Pearl District  
Sellwood/Woodstock  
South Waterfront  
St. Johns  
SW Combined Teams  
SW Hills/Skyline Ridge  
Taborvilla

#### **CERT Teams**

Cannon Beach  
Eugene (shadowed with SW Combined Teams)  
Nehalem Bay  
South Lincoln County  
Tigard  
West Salem (including Salem Fairmount Hills)  
Woodburn  
Yamhill County

## The Numbers

Total number of registrants	378
Participants (day of, actually participated)	341
SUVs	31
Number of teams	22
Exercise Coordinators	22
Subnets	4

## Hours

1364 hours logged

## Feedback Scores

	The exercise was well structured and organized.	The overall exercise was plausible and realistic.	The individual scenarios were plausible and realistic.	The exercise will help me be a better NET member.	I felt that my participation was valued and necessary.	The Incident Commander built a strong plan.
Spring 2026	4.24	4.36	4.43	4.54	4.47	4.23
Fall 2025	4.37	4.28	4.06	4.59	4.33	4.01
Spring 2025	4.42	4.27	4.29	4.71	4.66	4.13
Fall 2024	3.75	3.6	3.68	3.84	3.91	3.4
Spring 2024	4.63	4.3	4.31	4.72	4.5	4.09
Fall 2023	4.41	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.67	4.06
Spring 2023	4.45	4.28	4.49	4.64	4.45	4.35
Fall 2022	4.28	4.21	4.16	4.47	4.4	4.05
Spring 2022	3.14	3.14	3.26	3.05	2.86	2.52
Fall 2021	4.31	3.79	4.32	4.03	4.35	4.08
Spring 2021	3.86	3.86	3.83	4.08	3.82	3.43

## What do participants want to focus on for the Fall 2026 CDE

Exercise participants identified several items that need continued focus in the next CDE:

- ICS Structure
- Forms (filling in and organizing)
- FRS Radio Practice
- Pet Component
- Shift Change
- Working with other teams

## Comments from participants

- Practice using radio & being concise on the radio - good practice. Being in a team of 3 - it really emphasizes how helpful & valuable it is to have other brains besides our own, supporting each other, sizing up situations and coming up with ideas and suggestions that might be missed by oneself. . Definitely shows reasons - besides safety - to be with at least one more person. Three was great! Filling out the forms as we went along and reported back what people, damage, everything we "saw" was valuable.
- Realistic scenarios, teamwork, instructions prior to being sent out.
- We had a volunteer house for us to do a size-up. The volunteer (a NET member not participating in the CDE) was unaware that we were to send multiple teams to perform the scenario. The volunteer took down some of the signage and we didn't intrude to ask if the 2nd team could do the 360 walk-around. We still performed the exercise sans physical 360. If we had the phone # of that house volunteer, we could have let her know that we'd like another team to do a size up to see if it was possible.
- I think one of the better elements was toward the end when we had several high priority events occurring at nearly the same time requiring quick decisions by ITL and OPS to call back a field team dispatched to a lower priority inject to augment the team dealing with immediate medical victims and at the same time as a victim bleeding out on another incident. Whew!
- So much paperwork! There is no way we are all going to be following all the paperwork. It made me realize we need to have lots of blank paper to keep the notes then transfer to any official notes.
- Scenario's were reasonable and consistent with the overall emergency and provided opportunities to practice different skills.

## Notes From Spring 2026 CDE Hotwash (held on June 10, 2026)

- Having someone assist with taking notes for the ITL Scribe would be great
- SUV intake is a hard job, could use two people
- Would like to have an Exercise Coordinator training on how to do this. *Ask you shall receive. For the Fall CDE we will hold trainings for ECs; Scribes and Incident Team Leads (ITL). These will be open to all NET and CERT members even if they are not filling these roles.*

**Planning Committee (in order of time on the committee)**

Kathy Reese	Chairman	Argay-Parkrose	2017
Bruce Schafer	AROs	Maplewood	2018
Mark Wardell	Design Lead	West Salem CERT	2020
Jeff Bissonnette	Proctor Form	St Johns	2021
Mike Lynch	Planning Committee	SW Hills	2024
Pete Roc	Design Team	Powellhurst/Gilbert	2026
Greg Birger		Tigard CERT	2026
Jo Cooper		Nehalem Bay CERT	2026
Candy Gordon		Yamhill County CERT	2026
Dawn King		Yamhill County CERT	2026
Janice Kishner		NW District	2026
Daniel Newhart		Happy Valley CERT	2026
Chris Nintzel		South Lincoln County CERT	2026
Uli Reich*		Woodburn CERT	2026

*\*Uli was Proctor for us in 2020*

