Clatsop County Emergency Management

Community Profile

County  Clatsop  
City    Astoria  
Population  38,000 (county)

Assignment

Organization  Clatsop County Emergency Management  
Supervisor    Tiffany Brown  
RARE Member  Bijan Fayyaz

About Clatsop County Emergency Management

Clatsop County Emergency Management works to coordinate and facilitate emergency response and recovery within their jurisdiction to all natural and/or human-caused disasters. Day-to-day operations include whole community planning, public outreach/education and facilitation for various emergency management committees such as the County Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPREP), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). The division also coordinates and facilitates emergency training with fire departments, police, volunteers, public works, medical and other emergency response agencies.

The RARE participant placed with Clatsop County Emergency Management will work with the Community Emergency Response Team to deliver trainings, facilitate leadership meetings, create teaching resources, and plan countywide events. The RARE participant will also work on emergency operations planning by identifying areas for update, identifying and meeting with community partners, updating the plan, and preparing the plan for approval. In addition, the RARE participant will work on outreach and public education by identifying an audience and a method, and developing and formalizing an outreach plan. Finally, the RARE participant will be working with the Arts Council to facilitate meetings and guide discussions, and to assist with researching and planning.

Meet Bijan Fayyaz

BJ received his Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Economics with a minor in Public Administration and Urban Planning and a certificate in Emergency Management and Homeland Security from Florida State University. While in high school, BJ was elected to the Board of Directors of his neighborhood civic association in Fort Lauderdale and was selected to represent his neighborhood at the City’s Council of Civic Association, becoming the youngest member in both organizations’ history. He co-chaired a community action committee to successfully convert an old abandoned school into a park. During his year with the RARE Program, BJ hopes that he will be able to better understand the fields he has studied and plans to work in through tangible, hands-on work experience. After his year with the RARE program, BJ hopes to influence excellence in community building both administratively and as a policy maker.