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Presentation Regarding Earthquake Preparedness and Clackamas County ShakeOut Drill

Previous Board Action/Review	Last presentation and drill held on October 20, 2022.		
Performance Clackamas	1. Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities		
Counsel Review	N/A	Procurement Review	N/A
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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 businesses, 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 is complying with Oregon Revised Statue (ORS) 401.900 by requiring all employees to participate in this annual earthquake drill to practice drop, cover and hold on. Residents, and businesses are encouraged to participate. We encourage residents and businesses to take time to conduct a safety inspection to identify and mitigate potential falling hazards at home or work. We also encourage everyone to learn more about ShakeAlert and earthquake early warning phone applications.

RECOMMENDATION:

Presentation only, recommendation is for all County employees to participate in the October 19th ShakeOut drill at 10:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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