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Earthquake!

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local municipalities have taken proper preventative action.

Rizzo explained a lot of her time is spent educating the public and policy makers about the seismic hazard present throughout the state.

Oregon's biggest danger from earthquakes come from the Cascadia Subduction zone, which runs from northern California to British Columbia, and it is about 100 to 150 miles off

of our coast, she said. "It is capable of producing the largest earthquakes in the world."

Although the Spring Break earthquake was the last time there was a major earthquake in Oregon, she said the longer the quake builds, the more stress and impact the next quake with have. She added the last Cascadia subduction zone earthquake was in 1700.

And this is why it is good to be both informed and prepared,

she said.

According to Rizzo, it is very possible that in some parts of the state, depending on where you are, your family could be isolated for anywhere up to three weeks. "People tend to focus on the tsunami, but they forget the earthquake itself will impact a lot more people here in the Pacific Northwest," she said.

"By being prepared you can make sure your family has the food, water and medication they need until help can get to you."

People can do things to be ready, even for something as scary as an earthquake, she said. "Think about how much more relaxed you will be if you go ahead and get three weeks of water. Then you're set, and you don't have to worry about it."

She said even in Japan, which is considered the most seismically prepared country in the world, it took two weeks to get to some families. "Last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan brings the hazard home and offers a teachable moment," she said.

"You need to know where safety is," she said. "The reason why I do tsunami education inland and in the valley is because we all go to the beach. Even if you are from Portland you need to know about tsunami safety."

A series of free workshops will be held from March 8-26 in various locations throughout the state to help inform the public on earthquake preparedness.

The workshops, which run between an hour and two hours, will cover different topics from tsunami science to tsunami safety, she said. "We also talk a bit about earthquakes because they cause tsunamis."

After the workshops, residents will be more prepared and ready to recognize a natural disaster, plan evacuation routes, know amounts of water and food necessary for survival, and recognize issues surrounding a power shortage. "Think about how much more relaxed you will be if you go about and get three weeks of water. Then you're set. You don't have to worry about it," she said. "And don't forget your pets!"

I hope for a prepared population that will be able to recover quickly after an earthquake or tsunami, said Rizzo. "Come out and learn something about them."

For more information about how to attend, or to contact the Oregon Management office, visit the website oem-oregon.blogspot.com or call 503-750-8308.

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