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WHAT'S COMING UP:

MAY:
26 - Music Matters - 7:00 p.m.
27 - Music Matters - 3:00 p.m.

JUNE:
4 - Siuslaw School District Spring Band Concert
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
5 - Siuslaw School District Spring Choir Concert
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
7 - Coastal Fitness Gymnastics Spring Show
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
8,9, 10 & 15,16,17 Last Resort Players presents " A Nice Family Gathering "
Fridays and Saturdays 7:00 p.m Sundays 2:00 p.m.
11 - Living Trust Seminar
Monday, 10:30 a.m , 2:30 p.m and 6:30 p.m
13 - Concealed Weapons Permit Class
Wednesday, 1:00 p.m and 6:00 p.m
20 - Governors Marketplace
Wednesday, 7:30 a.m – 1:00 p.m
22-Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) presents Aging In Place
Friday, 9:45 a.m. Doors Open
30 -FRAA Big Wave Poetry Fest
Saturday, 6:30 p.m

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Operation Emerald Shield training was not only designed for the education of individual EMTs and officers, but also for the organizations they represent.

WLAD Operations Chief Matt House was the coordinator for Operation Emerald Shield and his analysis from the three-hour long exercise was positive in both of these areas.

“During the planning for the violent incident exercise on May 23, EMS, fire, police and PeaceHealth planned for specific objectives that were realistic to achieve. These trainings are imperative to test agency capabilities, performance, identify strengths and identify areas needing improvement,” House said.

Reviews of previous violent shooter situations have discovered that communication and coordination between different support organizations can be an impediment to successfully countering an aggressive or violent individual.

“WLAD and SVFR focused on National Fire Protection Associations standards as their primary objectives. Those are scene management, resource utilization, triage, treatment and transport of patient. FPD focused on their strategies and tactics for scene management and protection for EMS/fire personnel responding to Active Violent Incidents and PeaceHealth employees focused on Internal Hospital Incident Command System and patient surge capabilities,” House said.

Perhaps the most critical part of any attempt to thwart an active shooter is the response of law enforcement officers. These men and women have the unenviable job of entering a potentially deadly situation, evaluating that situation and taking action to eliminate the threat to



PHOTOS BY MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

While Florence Police Department cleared the building during Wednesday's Operation Emerald Shield training, EMTs from Western Lane Ambulance and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue treated injured victims and transported them to waiting staff at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor.



the public.

Actions must be taken quickly and efficiently to deter or eliminate the danger posed by a violent individual.

House has nothing but praise for the performance of people involved in Wednesday's drill.

“Florence police officers involved in the exercise demonstrated quick, proficient scene management and safety for all providers,” House said. “From the time FPD had cleared the building and provided warm force coverage, rescue task force teams had the first critical patient transported from the scene in six minutes.”

He added, “EMS/fire proficiently identified the most critically injured patients and had them transported from the scene immediately. This was an excellent example of working together for optimal outcomes.”

FPD Commander John Pitcher also felt the exercise was valuable from both an organizational and individual perspective.

“The police portion of the exercise went well,” Pitcher said.

“Our part dealt with an active threat with injuries. We were able to test our response, entry, communication, securing the area and locating the threat. Our officers were tested on identifying and securing an area where medical personnel could provide emergency treatment to the injured as well as working with the other responding agencies. Our Communications Center was also tested on its ability to communicate and react with all the responding agencies as well as tracking/documenting the incident.”

One element of the training required responders from Florence to deal with a situation while assistance from agencies from other municipalities were unable to join in addressing the emergency.

“A total of 17 patients were transported from the exercise scene in 43 minutes to PeaceHarbor Hospital and PeaceHealth Walk-In clinic,” House said. “Regionally, we needed to test the capabilities of what can be managed independently in

our area without additional resources or assistance.”

This was an area of particular interest to the leadership teams from all of Emerald Shields participants.

“The last important part of this exercise was the fact that it provided participating agencies a foundation for upcoming exercises,” House said. “The goal is to annually surge our area with multi-casualty incidents, to better prepare for those low-frequency, high-risk events.”

When asked to give an overall evaluation for Operation Emerald Shield, House was very positive in his assessment of the training.

“As the Master Controller of the exercise, I was extremely happy with everyone's participation in the exercise and in treating the training as if it were a real time event. ... Things went well and all of the organizations participating gained valuable information on ways to improve performance in these types of situations,” he said.

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She continued, “Some people came to me and said, ‘We've got to do something about the port.’ I hardly even

knew where the port was. I was free and had the time, and I like politics. I felt that maybe I could do something for the community.”

One of Rickard's primary responsibilities on the commission was outreach, presenting the views of the port to various entities across the city, county and state. She regularly attended meetings of Florence City Council, Siuslaw Watershed Council, the Lane Area Commission on Transportation and the Lane Council of Governments.

“I did what I needed to do,” Rickard said. “I wish them well, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve my five

years.”

Of Rickard, Meyer said, “I just wanted to go on record to thank her for her service. She had her own perspective, and I think it was important to hear that perspective.”

Applications to fill Rickard's position, as well as Huntington's, will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 15, when the commission will then interview applicants. The terms will expire June 30, 2019, at which time an elected successor will be seated.

Applications can be found online at portofsiuslaw.com or by calling 541-997-3426.

In other news from the meeting, Huntington gave an

update on the attempt to sell the port's 40-acre industrial park, property within the Pacific View Business Park off Kingwood Street. The property is currently being listed by Coldwell Banker.

“They filed a few inquiries, but there really hasn't been interest. They've done the aerial photography, they've sent out marketing packages, but there hasn't been a lot of activity yet,” Huntington said.

What has seen activity on the property is an outbreak of invasive Scotch Broom, which has been encroaching on the property. The port was served with a complaint from the city regarding the noxious weed.

“It's a huge project, but we need to start making an effort,” Huntington said about removing the weed. “As staff time becomes available, we'll start. I think as long as we start making some sort of progress now, we'll get a better handle on it down the road. We're not the only ones out there, the city has their own problems with it. But we are going to make an effort.”

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