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Initiative for Community & Disaster Resilience (ICDR)
Speaker Series – Part 16

Tuesday, November 13 @ 12:00-1:30pm
PSU Urban Center, Parsons Gallery (Room 212G)

Are Those Who Serve Also Prepared? Findings from the Oregon Nonprofit Disaster Preparedness Survey

The nonprofit sector plays a critical role in society. Nonprofits are essential to the well-being and vibrancy of our communities. They are also regarded as a “critical civic infrastructure” that is essential for the delivery of a range of social services key to the livelihoods of the most vulnerable population within our communities, and they strive to fill gaps in our social service system. They complement government in the provision of social services, and are often contracted by government agencies to provide many critical public social services. So what happens when these organizations are thrust into a disrupted environment with greatly expanded roles during and after a disaster? How prepared are they to recover and respond in these roles and what level of assurance can we give to their response?

Recently PSU, in collaboration with the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO), released the Oregon Nonprofit Disaster Preparedness Report. Developed through a participant survey conducted in collaboration with the City Club of Portland’s Earthquake Report Advocacy Committee (CCERAC) and the NAO, the report results are quite revealing regarding how concerned and informed nonprofit respondents are about potential hazards, what actions they have taken to prepare for disasters, as well as their perceived roles should a major disaster like the “Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) Event” occur.

Join Dr. Grace Chikoto-Schultz (PSU) and Mr. Jim White (NAO) for an in-depth conversation on the survey results and an exchange of ideas on what steps need to be in place.

About the Initiative for Community and Disaster Resilience (ICDR)

ICDR is an interdisciplinary initiative using collaborative efforts to focus on research, educational outreach and community enlightenment. ICDR is designed to emphasize ‘soft’ social science and policy perspectives when approaching issues relating to natural disasters, while other emergency management research centers in the U.S. primarily focus on the ‘hard science’ aspect.

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