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Sally Abbott has been a nurse for over 30 years and doing state level healthcare emergency preparedness for eight years. She serves as the Medical Surge and Healthcare Coalition Coordinator in Washington state, working with the healthcare coalitions, and other healthcare partners on medical surge planning.

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Sheri Badger coordinates the inclusion of populations with access and functional needs into emergency management, as well as works as the primary public information officer, for Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (DEM). She has been with the department for over six years, and prior to DEM, worked for the Pierce County Human Services Department for 12 years. In June of 2011, Sheri had the opportunity to attend a two-day FAST training in California and wanted to bring the program back to Washington. In May of 2012, Pierce County held its first two-day FAST training.

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Jason Biermann serves as the mitigation and recovery program manager for the Snohomish County, Washington Department of Emergency Management. He has extensive emergency management, first response, and military experience. Mr. Biermann joined the Snohomish County team following five years with Teton County, Wyoming; first as the County Health Department's response planner, then as the County Emergency Management Coordinator.

In his current position, Mr. Biermann's responsibilities include coordinating the county's pre- and post-disaster mitigation efforts, as well as its post-disaster recovery. He served as the project manager for Snohomish County's mitigation plan update, facilitating a planning team with representation from the 35 planning partners and his next planning endeavor is already underway, the development of a county-wide recovery framework. He sits as a voting member on the Puget Sound Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and is co-lead for the recovery component of the region's 2012 Evergreen Earthquake exercise.

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Second Lieutenant Steven Brouillet is the Survey Team Leader for the 10th Civil Support Team (WMD). He has over 12 years of active service with the Army and Army National Guard. He has been a part of the CST program for more than eight years and has responded to many incidents including: Hurricane Katrina, Super Bowl XL, and the Republican National Convention. Steven is a graduate of the American Military University and has a BS in Public Health. He has attended more than 3,500 hours of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) training, is a certified Hazmat Technician, and is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

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Ted Buehner is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Seattle, a key customer liaison position. He works toward enhancing the “end-to-end” forecast and warning system by more closely tying the agency's mission of protecting lives and property, and enhancing the region’s economy, with its customers, such as emergency managers, the media, and the marine community. Ted has been with the NWS since 1977, this position being his third tour of duty in Seattle. Ted also served one year in Boise as a forecaster, six years in Portland as a Lead Forecaster, and two years at the NWS Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City as the Western U.S. marine, public, and aviation program manager. Ted has a Bachelors of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Oregon State University. Go Beavs!

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Scott Carlson serves as the Volunteer Systems Coordinator for the Washington State Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Unit. In this role, he is the program manager for the Washington State Emergency Registry of Volunteers called WAserv. This is part of the federal Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) program, which facilitates the effective utilization of volunteer resources at the local, state and federal levels. He also serves as the Washington State Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator and coordinates various volunteer activities including marketing, outreach, training, exercises and drills.

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Frank Castro-Wehr has been involved with emergency management and response for more than 20 years, working as a consultant on an U.S. EPA response team, and with Witt O'Brien's as an emergency manager for the last seven years. His skills involve organizing teams for the successful development of preparedness tools, enhancing organizations' response and recovery efficiencies, and providing training that promotes integration of ideas.

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Captain Ty Clark is the Operations Officer for the 10th Civil Support Team, and has been in the Air Force for over 20 years. He has served on CBRN response teams and in Emergency Management for the past four years. He has attended more than 3500 hours of Emergency Management and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) training. He is a qualified Hazmat Technician, and a FEMA certified NIMS instructor. Ty hails from the great State of Michigan and is a graduate of the University of Hawaii. He currently lives in Fife with his wife, Molly, and their daughter, Jasmine.

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Neil Clement began his involvement with emergency management with the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. For nearly 15 years Neil served as the Deputy Director of Whatcom County Emergency Management. He chaired the Region One Homeland Security Council and later took a position as the Region One Coordinator. He joined the Port of Bellingham in May 2006 and serves as the Port's Emergency Management & Security Officer. Among many other incidents, he was involved with the response to the Olympic Pipeline explosion in 1999 and he represented the Port in the Unified Command of the 2012 Squalicum Harbor Marina Fire.

He is a past president of the Washington State Emergency Management Association. He served 13-years on the State Emergency Response Commission and was an alternate on the Washington State Emergency Management Council. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Western Washington University.

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Karimah Cooper Edwards is an Emergency Management Planner with the City of Seattle Human Services Department. Karimah's focus is planning for vulnerable populations including access and functional needs. Prior to joining Seattle, Karimah worked as an Emergency Management Planner for Cobb County, Georgia. While working for Cobb County she completed multiple plans including the county's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, which received federal approval. Additionally she staffed the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) during the September 2009 floods which received a federal declaration. Karimah's broad range of disaster experience includes serving as a disaster services Presidential Intern for the National American Red Cross during the Midwest floods of 2008 and as an Office of Emergency Management intern for El Paso County, Colorado during the 2006 fires.

Karimah holds a bachelor's degree from Tulane University, a master's degree from Jacksonville State University and a juris doctorate degree from John Marshall Law School.

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Mr. Tom Donnelly is currently with FEMA Region X's Recovery Division where he serves as the Region's Community Planner and Capacity Building Coordinator under the National Disaster Recovery Framework. Previously, Tom has worked as a community planner under contract to FEMA (ESF #14), for purposes of structuring Long Term Community Recovery programs and leading the long term disaster recovery process in the communities of Olive Hill, KY, Phil Campbell, AL, and Hackleburg, AL. Prior to his FEMA experience he worked as a housing developer and development manager in the Seattle area, managing, acquiring, designing and developing properties for non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations, as well as directing development activities for financially and environmentally complex projects. His extensive professional background in community planning is complemented by a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado.

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Lawrence Eichhorn is the Emergency Management and Security Advisor, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle, WA. Mr. Eichhorn advises elected and appointed officials, executives, supervisors, and first responders on transportation emergency management and security roles and responsibilities. He develops and shapes the City's and SDOT's transportation emergency preparedness, response and recovery policies to ensure compliance with regulatory directives. He leads transportation Continuity of Operations and all hazard response planning activities. As a certified ICS instructor, he develops and implements training strategies, classes, activities, and exercises preparing staff to effectively respond to all hazard incidents. He interacts significantly with local, state and federal agencies and private sector stakeholders involved in regional emergency response and critical infrastructure protection activities. He received a B.S. in General Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and a M.S. in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

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Emily Fortman is the Regional Director of Preparedness & Community Engagement for the American Red Cross Western Washington Chapters. She has nearly ten years of Red Cross, NGO, and emergency management experience and fosters communal preparedness and resiliency through partnerships and whole community planning. Emily, in partnership with other Red Cross staff and the support of PSE, launched a regional preparedness initiative—*Safe in the Sound*—which aims to better prepare 1,000,000 individuals in the greater Puget Sound area, with special emphasis on reaching and empowering vulnerable populations.

Emily has a Bachelor's degree in Humanities from Washington State University and a graduate diploma in International Humanitarian Aid from Fordham University. She serves on the advisory board of Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County and leads international house-building and repair projects in developing countries for Habitat for Humanity International.

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Bob Freitag is Senior Lecture at the University of Washington, Director of the Institute for Hazards Mitigation Planning and Research, and State Regional Director with the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). He has served as FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer and is author of “Floodplain Management: a new approach for a new era” (Island Press 2009).

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Cynthia Gardner is a Research Geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Cascades Volcano Observatory. Her research focus is eruptive history and eruptive processes at explosive volcanoes. In addition to her research, she has worked with emergency managers at all governmental levels since the late 1990s to develop interagency response plans in the event of volcanic activity at Mount Baker/Glacier Peak, Mount St. Helens/Mount Adams, and at Mount Hood. She has experience at responding to volcanic unrest and eruption in the US and abroad and was the USGS eruption coordinator for the 2004 to 2008 Mount St. Helens eruption, where she was involved in the Incident Command Structure and with setting up a Joint Information Center. She was Scientist-in-Charge of the Cascades Volcano Observatory from January 2005 until November 2010. She has since returned to research, but remains active in working with communities on volcano hazard issues.

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Brittany Ginn is the Exercise Program Manager for the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division. Brittany's responsibilities include: managing the State EOC Corrective Action Program; providing exercise technical assistance to state, local tribal and volunteer organizations; providing exercise oversight to dedicated programs; and, the overall development of state and local exercise and preparedness capabilities.

Brittany's most recent project was the Evergreen Quake Functional Exercise (FE). Brittany served as a Co-Lead of the FE Design Team (along with her Federal counterpart) leading an impressive group of local, state, federal, and private sector Design Team Leads representing the largest cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and private businesses in the Puget Sound Region. The exercise was the largest, most comprehensive Emergency Operations Center joint-exercise in Region 10 history and one in which the size and scope had never been done before in the Northwest.

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Debbie is an Emergency Preparedness Training Specialist with the Seattle Office of Emergency Management. For the past six years, she has enjoyed teaching residents throughout the community. During a disaster, she is part of the core team who responds to the Emergency Operations Center to help coordinate city services.

Prior to joining the city, she spent 15 years in the fire service, where she was a fire educator and media spokesperson in Federal Way.

She began her career in public service as a 911 dispatcher for the Corvallis Police Department in Corvallis, Oregon.

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Gail Harris is currently an Emergency Manager for a municipality in King County, WA and has been for over eight years. She oversees operational readiness for the City, does exercise design and implementation for Police, Fire, and City staff, manages all required Emergency Management plans for the city and provides public education and planning for businesses and neighborhoods. As a certified Incident Command Instructor, she ensures all required training is provided according to the National Incident Management System. Gail also works for Takouba Security as a consultant assisting with their training and exercises for corporate clients.

Gail is currently, and has for the past seven years, serves as the Sound Cities Association's representative on the King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee. In that role she has served as Chair, Vice-Chair and also been active on many of their numerous subcommittees: Regional Disaster Plan, Training and Exercise, Public Education, Mass Care, and Incident Management Team. She has been with the Partners In Emergency Preparedness Conference Committee for four years and is currently the Chair.

Gail is a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, the FBI National Academy Associates, the Washington Chapter of Emergency Managers and the Washington Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates.

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Kathryn Howard has recently transitioned to the State level as a State Emergency Operations Officer in the Washington Alert & Warning Center. Prior to her work with the State, she was with King County, Washington government for over 20 years with 12 years in the Public Works Solid Waste arena and almost nine years with the Office of Emergency Management. Prior to her work in public service with Washington State and King County, Kathryn was a private consultant in the areas of solid waste and recycling programs. Ms. Howard has a Bachelors degree in Archaeology with a minor in Geology from the University of Texas, and a Masters in Public Administration from Seattle University. She received her Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential in 2010 from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and is a member of the Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA).

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Allan J Jones is the Director of Student Transportation for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Washington State. He has worked in the pupil transportation industry since 1977. Allan has been at OSPI since 1998, first as the Program Supervisor and as the director since January 2002.

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JoAnn Jordan, Public Education Coordinator

JoAnn has a bachelor's degree in education from Central Washington University. She was hired by City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management in 2006 as Public Education Program Coordinator. Prior to Seattle, JoAnn was with the City of Bellevue Fire Department as the Education Coordinator for the Emergency Management Division.

JoAnn has been working in the field of Emergency Management, specializing in Disaster Preparedness Education for schools, businesses, and neighborhoods for over 20 years.

Her dedication to public education in both fire and life safety and disaster education has won her local and national honors. Her passions: Make the world a better place through education and empowerment. Life happens in the kitchen, so cook and share a meal with those you love. Go sailing as often possible.

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Kelly Kasper currently holds the position of Organizational and Neighborhood Preparedness Program Manager with the American Red Cross Serving King and Kitsap Counties. In this position, she works with organizations and neighborhoods to assist in their efforts to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from disasters and unthinkable events. She has over 20 years of training development, delivery and consultation in workplace health and safety prevention strategies.

Ms. Kasper holds a Master of Arts Degree from Western Washington University. In addition to her Red Cross duties, she serves as a consultant to both General and Construction Industries on effective hearing loss prevention and site specific safety plans.

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Before joining Clark County Public Health, Rich Konrad taught in community colleges and secondary schools and spent a career in the fire service. He serves as an Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator for Region IV Public Health.

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Phil Lambert is a leader, an innovator and problem solver. With over 20 years of experience in contingency planning, he has designed and developed some of the most powerful, effective and innovative table-top exercises for national corporations.

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Ron LaPedis is the Workforce Continuity Strategist for SunGard Availability Services. He has published many articles and has taught and consulted in the information security and business continuity fields around the world. He is a licensed amateur (ham) radio operator and a sworn volunteer member of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office communications unit. He is ex-chair of the San Bruno Citizen Preparedness Committee, and is on the board of the San Francisco chapters of InfraGard, FBI Citizen's Academy Alumni Association, and the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP). Mr. LaPedis is a Red Cross preparedness instructor and is a member of the city of San Bruno Amateur Radio Volunteers.

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Meredith Li-Vollmer, PhD is a Risk Communication Specialist for Public Health—Seattle & King County, where she leads planning for communications during emergencies. In this role, she conducts audience research and public outreach, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations. Meredith is also a researcher with the University of Washington Preparedness & Emergency Response Research Center and a clinical assistant professor at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Her work has received multiple awards, including the Gold Award for Excellence from the National Public Health Information Coalition and the Model Practice Award from the National Association of City and County Health Officials. She received her doctorate in Communication from the University of Washington.

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William Lokey has been involved in emergency management in Washington State for over 35 years. He joined the Washington State Department of Emergency Management in 1977. In 1981, he became Assistant Director for Operations.

In 1986, he became the Pierce County Emergency Management Director, responsible for disaster preparedness, the Fire Prevention Bureau, radio communications, the Emergency Medical Services and E9-1-1 Administration.

In 1997, Bill became Assistant Chief for Special Operations for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Bill became a Federal Coordinating Officer for FEMA in April 1999. He served as FCO for 24 disasters around the US, including Hurricane Katrina. He also responded to the World Trade Center in NY on 9/11.

In February, 2007, Bill left FEMA and joined Witt Associates and has worked with public and private sector clients in recovery planning. He was project manager in the development of the Transportation Recovery Annex.

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Barry Luz brings more than 30 years of pro audio experience to the industry. Mr. Luz serves as the Systems Applications Specialist with Bosch Security Systems in the Western Region of the United States which includes sales, training, support and demonstrations of Bosch Conferencing, Voice Evacuation/Paging systems, Dispatch, Commercial Audio systems and Live Audio solutions. Mr. Luz also continues to write white papers and newsletters for specific market groups such as Consultants, Contractors and Audio Engineers.

Working with major installation companies and manufacturers Mr. Luz has designed audio systems all over the world for airports, universities, cruise ships, hospitals, hotels, military installations and stadiums. Mr. Luz is also an accomplished musician and has toured with top-name entertainers as a player and audio engineer. Mr. Luz has held both senior technical, training and sales related positions with several major loudspeaker manufacturers. Mr. Luz also holds three U.S. patents in electronics.

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Kara started volunteering with the Seattle Animal Shelter, the municipal shelter for Seattle. While working towards her Ph.D. from University of Washington in the biological sciences, Kara managed the dog walking program at the shelter, and was hired by the organization in 2008. Kara manages the fundraising, volunteer, outreach and emergency preparedness programs for the shelter. Kara's background includes a bachelors degree from North Carolina State University, and she is also a published academic author.

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Kathy joined the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management as the Health Coordinator in 2008. Her responsibilities include working with the local hospitals, county public health department, EMS community and other health related organizations to ensure coordinated disaster preparedness and integrated training and exercise planning. Prior to joining Pierce County, Kathy worked 20 years at the State Department of Health focusing on statewide health care workforce strategies. She is a member of the Washington State Hospital Association and Washington Rural Health Association, having served as President of the WRHA Board.

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Brent Meldrum is the owner of Coastal Transport and 2nd Vice President of CTANW. His company has provided NEMT (Non Emergent Medical Transportation) transportation services in Western Washington for the last nine years. They operate a fleet of more than 20 vehicles providing NEMT services primarily to the six southwest counties of Washington State. Most of their service areas are rural, and they coordinate with local county and city governments, extended care facilities, and local hospitals to provide NEMT services during emergencies. They have developed MOA/MOU agreements with local government and Private entities needing NEMT transportation during emergencies.

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Vicky Mieseler, MS, has been a licensed psychologist in Missouri since 1993. She serves as Vice President of Clinical Services for Ozark Center and has been employed at Ozark Center for 28 years and is clinically responsible for nearly 300 clinicians providing community crisis response services, adult substance abuse services including a residential and modified medical detox facility, children's psychiatric services including a 72 bed residential facility and a transitional apartment program for pre-adults and a large center for autism services. Mrs. Mieseler was instrumental in developing and implementing the mental health disaster response to the citizens of Joplin, Missouri.

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TPCHD Regional Emergency Response Coordinator (RERC) and Medical Countermeasures Coordinator. Responsibilities include working with local hospitals and other health care agencies, cities and county emergency management agencies, EMS community and other health related organizations to ensure coordinated disaster preparedness and integrated training and exercise planning.

PH Experience as nurse epidemiologist, Public Health Nurse Consultant, and Immunization Program Manager

RN experience included emergency department: nurse triage, nurse coordinator, and trauma nursing in a pediatric and adult trauma center.

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BS in Criminal Justice and graduate studies in Public and Business Administration and Organizational Leadership.

Served as a Probation Officer for three years and a Police Officer for seven years before beginning a 22 year career in the FBI.

Over 15 years of experience as a high-level FBI executive with investigative expertise in counterterrorism, national security, SWAT and violent crime operations, white collar crime, high risk arrests and searches, and cyber security. Served as the Special Agent in Charge of the LA and Phoenix Field Offices before being named the first female operational Assistant Director. Established the FBI Cyber Division shortly after 9/11.

Director of Corporate Security at SCE since 2008.

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Lynn has worked for Puget Sound Energy since 2008 in emergency management and public relations. Prior to PSE, Lynn worked as a professional firefighter and paramedic in Texas for 10 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in Emergency Administration along with associate degrees in fire and EMS leadership, response training and adult learning.

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Jason Napier has served in his current position of Division Chief/Fire Marshal for the City of Bellingham since March 2008. He serves as a Planning Section Chief with Whatcom Unified Emergency Management, as Board Director with the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, and the Washington Fire Chief's representative to the National Fire Protection Association's Western Regional Fire Code Development Committee. During his 15 years with the Kent Fire Department, he received formal training in all Planning Section positions. For seven years, he was a Planning Team Manager with Washington State's Federal Urban Search & Rescue Taskforce. He participated on two Federal Hurricane Deployments; Hurricane Katrina & Ernesto. Jason is a Certified Fire Marshal, Building Official, and Fire Investigator. He has earned two fire service-related Associate degrees and will graduate this June from Eastern Oregon University's Fire Service Administration Program.

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Dave Owens is the Emergency Health and Medical Logistics Program Manager at the Washington State Department of Health. He spent twenty-four years with the United States Air Force, retiring in 1997. He then went to work for the state with the Department of Labor and Industries, where he served as the Agency Emergency Manager. He moved to the Department of Health in 2001 as the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile planner. He currently manages the Strategic National Stockpile Program, the Cities Readiness Initiative Program, the CHEMPACK Program, and the Public Health and Medical Infrastructure Protection Program. During emergencies affecting local or tribal jurisdictions that require additional SNS resources he manages the state Reception, Storage and Staging Warehouse or if SNS resources are not required serves as a liaison for the department at the State Emergency Operations Center.

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Who many refer to as “Mama” is the founder of the “Soup Ladies”. Mama is married to the love of her life Harvey. She has five children and five adorable grandchildren who are not spoiled at all (LOL).

Mama and her dedicated crew of volunteers have served soup and provided a friendly and caring face to so many during emergencies/disasters – whether it is local or a national.

In 2003 a windstorm struck western Washington that toppled trees, cut electricity, and other essential services. For many it meant that cooking a warm meal was not an option. So what is typical of Mama, she arranged for members of her church to clean up the area. She then set up barbeques and portable stoves in the church parking lot to serve soup! From that time on, Mama began her mission to provide a warm meal to those who are "first responders".

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Roddey also led the first of its kind, federally funded, tsunami readiness outreach and education program on the west coast, working with over two dozen cities at the Oregon coast.

Roddey is a familiar face to people around the country when natural disasters strike, through his appearances nationally on The O'Reilly Factor, CNN, The CBS Evening News, and NPR.

He is currently the Director of ReadySetPrepare, which offers consultation services and motivational presentations on building resilient communities, and disaster readiness for business and families.

“Remember, when disaster strikes, we’re all in this together!” —James Roddey

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James has over 25 years of experience in the private sector and the National Guard. As a military leader, he has deployed to Afghanistan and has organized, trained, and deployed various military organizations. He is a Colonel in the Washington Army National Guard and serves as the Program Director of the FEMA Region 10, Homeland Response Force, a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) consequence management unit.

James holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Martin's University, a master's degree in Adult Education from Western Washington University and is a selectee to the United States Army War College.

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Gabriel has experience as a senior manager in a federal law enforcement agency, and is a member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and the American Society of Industrial Security.

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As a contractor with for the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management she has provided community education and outreach programs for Pierce County Deaf and hard of hearing residents. She has been instrumental in the development of the Pierce County DEM Functional Assessment Services Team (FAST) program as a member of the curriculum/training committee, core development committee and FAST instructor.

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