



Homeland Security Region 3

Incident Management Team

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RED CROSS CLEAN UP KITS

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On behalf of: Grays Harbor County, City of Aberdeen, City of Cosmopolis and City of Hoquiam

The American Red Cross has Clean-Up Kits available for community members affected by the recent storm. These kits include a push broom, mop, and whisk broom. Kits can be picked up from the Red Cross at the Senior Center located at 117 East 3rd Aberdeen, WA, Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Household bleach or vinegar is suitable for disinfection. A limited supply of bleach may be picked up at the Salvation Army located at 120 W. Wishkah St Aberdeen, WA, until 5pm Saturday and will reopen on Monday, January 26, 2015. Call the main office for availability at (360) 533-1062 or (360) 533-6950.

The American Red Cross is also available to assist with housing related questions for both those who are renting and those who own their homes. For additional information, contact Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) at (360) 500-4551.

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Encompassing approximately 7,300 square miles of territory, the Region has an estimated population of over 470,000 citizens. From a Homeland Security perspective, Region 3 has unique security and protection challenges and vulnerabilities ranging from open coastline and seaports; to remote, mountainous terrain and rural farmland; to urban cities.

Through teamwork, cooperation, collaborative effort, training and education, Region 3, through its member agencies, continuously strives to achieve common goals to *"Provide a safe and secure region for our residents."*

Region 3 Incident Management Team

The Homeland Security Region 3 Incident Management Team is a multi-discipline, all-hazards Type III incident management team that provides immediate assistance to local agencies within the region during major emergency events. The team deploys at the request of the local jurisdiction in addressing the needs of the jurisdiction and can serve as a bridge to the potential later arrival of state (Type II) or federal (Type I) incident management teams in very large disasters.

The Region 3 IMT is made up of a cross-section of disciplines such as Emergency Management, Fire, Police, Medical Service, Public Health, Public Works, etc, who are able to deploy and are trained and credentialed to manage all aspects of any type of incident that may occur. Members of the team come from sponsoring Homeland Security Region 3 member agencies.

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