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Columbia County To Host Emergency Shelter Class

ST. HELENS--Columbia County Emergency Management wants to make sure local citizens are properly sheltered when major disasters strike, and those interested in helping can be properly trained at an upcoming class.

A shelter operations course will be held Saturday, April 30th from 9 AM-4 PM at the Columbia County Sheriff Office, 901 Port Avenue in St. Helens. The course will be instructed by representatives from the American Red Cross office in Portland and will focus on how to work in a certified shelter during emergencies.

“We have been focusing time and energy on making sure our relationship with the Red Cross on opening and running shelters is top-notch,” says Derek White, director of emergency management for Columbia County. “The Red Cross is mandated by Congress to assist with shelters and we want to do what we can to assist them with that process.”

Those interested in taking the class must pre-register with Columbia County Emergency Management. To register, call 503-366-3931 or go to <http://columbiacountyem.blogspot.com> .