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COLUMBIA COUNTY HOLDS EARTHQUAKE TALKS

ST. HELENS--Columbia County can have earthquakes and local emergency officials want you to learn about and be prepared for them.

The Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC) and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) are pleased to announce two upcoming discussions about the threat of earthquakes and tsunamis in western Oregon. The first presentation will be Friday, August 7 at 6:30 PM at the Scappoose City Hall, 33568 East Columbia Avenue in Scappoose. The second presentation will be Saturday, August 8 at 10 AM at the Clatskanie School Board Office, 555 SW Bryant Street in Clatskanie. Both presentations are free to the public.

The speaker will be James Roddey, an earth sciences information officer from DOGAMI. Roddey has given numerous talks around the state regarding the history and science of earthquakes in Oregon. His presentations include narratives of past earthquakes collected from Native American and Japanese

records as well as recent geological evidence demonstrating that another quake will occur in the future.

“Many people have heard Roddey speak and they find him to be exciting to listen to,” says Derek White, acting deputy director for Columbia County Emergency Management. “He’s definitely not a boring speaker and we are glad to have him come out and speak in Columbia County.”

White adds that it is vital for people to understand the hazards we face. “There are a lot of things that can affect us in Columbia County, but the earthquake threat is potentially the most catastrophic. People should not live in fear but instead be prepared for whatever happens. We hope folks will come out for these presentations and bring their families.”

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