

Collins View Article for the August *SW News*

Portland's NET volunteers have been more active than ever during this last COVID year, a year of semi-quarantined “stay at home” activities for many. During a recent meeting with FEMA’s Washington-based officials and PBEM, a representative for “Citizens Corps” reported there were now 89 CERT programs around the country, and that these volunteers contributed 21,000 hours of volunteer work for communities during 2020.

During the same year (2020), we are proud to report that Portland’s 2,164 active NET members contributed over 29,000 hours of volunteer work in the Portland-metro area alone. The 2021 NET volunteer work hours to date are still being tallied but are expected to be significant, particularly due to the number of volunteer hours contributed at COVID vaccination sites and immunization sites across Multnomah County.

Portland NETs were most active in the COVID vaccine drive at the site in the old Kmart parking lot on NE 122nd Avenue. Volunteers worked alongside our many NET colleagues from PBEM and the firefighters of Portland Fire and Rescue. In its close-out report, the City of Portland made note of this and thanked the 518 volunteers who worked in 19 of these clinics a total of 4,715 hours. In the cold, rain and heat, these volunteers helped administer over 10,900 vaccines to 6,776 people. This readout is from only one of the many vaccination sites that were organized by Multnomah County and other outreach activities around the City. We don’t yet have the work hours tallied on all of the vaccination sites, but we know they will be impressive.

A recently released report from PBEM reported that during last year’s devastating Oregon wildfires, NET volunteers were vital managers and workers at the Clackamas Town Center evacuation site. During a seven-day period at the height of the COVID concerns (9/11/20-9/18/20), 113 Portland NETs logged in 668 hours of volunteer time at that Center helping neighbors in need from adjacent areas in Oregon.

The City of Portland has wisely invested in training and providing a management structure for neighborhood-based emergency service volunteers. Our NET teams provide good return to that win-win investment in community engagement and involvement.

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Update on Jesse Boone: While conventional wisdom suggests Alphonso Boone started Boones Ferry, which commercialized the Wilsonville area leading to the settlement of Boones Landing (eventually Wilsonville), historians think that his son Jesse Boone instead introduced, or at least popularized, the ferry as well as the route that became Boones Ferry Road. Read all about it at <https://collinsview.org/history/BoonesFerryRoad/>

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Caption for attached photo of overgrown vegetation at St Mark: Overgrown vegetation is a fire hazard at the St Mark property, neglected and seemingly abandoned since August 2018: Fire Station #10 was notified of this situation. The City's Fire Marshal Inspector had assigned a Facility ID# for inspection and code compliance. However, Inspector Michelle said the facility inspection was not due until next year, and PF&R doesn't cite for fire hazards - doesn't compel owners to maintain their properties. Meanwhile the fire hazard increases. *Fran Laird Photo*