



2021 Winter: Stay safe!

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Stock Up to Shelter in Place

Stay home, stay inside. Make a plan to avoid driving. This might include shelf-stable food for several days, stored drinking water, several days' worth of any necessary medications, batteries for flashlights and other emergency items, de-icer for walkways, pet food, a deck of cards, board games and puzzles.

Emergency foods might include: canned goods, dried fruit, nuts, seeds, jerky, energy bars, nut butter, crackers, powdered milk. Be sure to include paper plates and cups, paper towels, plastic utensils, and a can opener.



When the Power Goes Out

Often sudden, a power failure can throw anyone off. Make sure you know where the flashlights and first aid kits are, how to stay warm, and how to help family and neighbors when needed.

- Turn off or unplug appliances and other devices. Leave one light on to know when power returns.
- Close room doors in your home to preserve any remaining heat. Dress in layers and use blankets to keep warm.
- Not used to lights out? Ensure area rugs are flattened, cords and cables are out of the way, and any stairs are clear of objects well before storm season. No one likes to organize in the dark.



Winter Driving

Know the road conditions and potential hazards. Let someone know your planned route.

- Make sure your car is prepared for winter:
https://youtu.be/hcwl_bnlD50

Pack emergency supplies in your vehicle, such as water, blankets, food, first aid kit, and a flashlight.

- Watch this video:
<https://youtu.be/ZzjarXUsDtA>



Tell us a little about yourself:

During the day, I spend my time as the Director of Technology for a local dealership. I have always been interested in electronics and radio communication, in fact, I have had my ham radio license for over 20 years. In my spare time, I volunteer with various government and tribal agencies. I currently work with Snohomish County Sheriff Search and Rescue, Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management Auxiliary Communication Service, Marysville/Tulalip Auxiliary Communication Service, and Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management. While working with these different entities, it became obvious to me that there was a need for a vehicle to provide interoperability between the departments. I later founded Kismet Emergency Communications and built a communications vehicle to do just that.

How long have you been volunteering with Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management?

I have been working with the Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management for approximately three years now.

How did you get started volunteering?

I started volunteering at the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management with a desire to put my radio skills to use in public service. That led me to their Auxiliary Communication Service, which later allowed me to work with the Tulalip Tribes.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kyle Burgess

What makes volunteering with Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management a meaningful use of your time?

Volunteering with Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management is rewarding because I am able to use something I am passionate about in my local community to strengthen the preparedness of our surrounding community.

What is your favorite thing about volunteering with Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management?

My favorite thing about volunteering with Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management is the comradery and dedication of our fellow volunteers coupled with knowing what we are doing makes a real difference for the members of the community.

What do you hope Tulalip Tribes Emergency Management will achieve in the near future?

I have the ambition that Tulalip Tribes will continue to cultivate a core group of volunteers to the point where we can provide in-house ham radio licensing classes, thus expanding the number of licensed ham radio operators throughout the community.

What would you say to someone who's thinking of volunteering?

My best advice is if you are interested in volunteering, come to a meeting and observe. Talk to some of the other volunteers about their experiences and future visions. You certainly can't ask to work with a better group of people.