

## **CERT Training at AllpakTrojan:** **Leading the Way in Disaster Preparedness**

A major disaster could occur at any moment with little to no notice and often first responders are unable to meet the demand for fire and medical services. As we spend a lot of our time at work, chances are you might be there if disaster strikes. Not wanting to be caught without a plan, AllpakTrojan, an award-winning printing and packaging company, took the initiative and approached the Renton Fire Department in 2005 about the possibility of CERT training for several employees. CERT, which stands for Community Emergency Response Team is a disaster preparedness course taught by local fire stations. One evening weekly for 7 weeks, 12 staff learned how to triage, properly conduct search and rescue, evaluate building safety, how to effectively fight a fire and other life saving skills.

The AllpakTrojan CERT team meets twice a month to keep abreast of the latest knowledge, train new members, and are preparing for an earthquake drill on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Four CERT members have chosen to continue their training on their own time and two of them have even been recruited as official trainers in Renton for the program itself. Their knowledge and reliability doesn't just stop at AllpakTrojan's doors, the team has already assisted several local neighborhoods in their time of need.

In the wake of recent disasters around the world, it is more important than ever to be prepared in case of emergency and AllpakTrojan's CERT is leading the way! To learn more about AllpakTrojan, please visit [www.allpaktrojan.com](http://www.allpaktrojan.com)