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Board of County Commissioners
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Presentation Regarding Earthquake Preparedness and Clackamas County Great ShakeOut Drill

Previous Board Action/Review	Last presentation and drill held on October 17, 2024, at 10:17am.		
Performance Clackamas	1. Ensure safe, secure, and livable communities		
Counsel Review	N/A	Procurement Review	N/A
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BACKGROUND:

Oregon is earthquake country, and this necessitates the importance of preparedness for seismic events and practicing the duck, cover, hold on action in response. In March 1993, the “Spring Break” quake roused many residents from sleep, damaging numerous homes and businesses, including severely damaging Molalla High School. State-wide, increasing attention is being given to the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the Oregon coast and the potential for a magnitude 9.0 megquake.

Clackamas County is complying with Oregon Revised Statue (ORS) 401.900 by requiring all employees to participate in this annual earthquake drill to practice drop, cover and hold on. Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate and take time to conduct a safety inspection to identify and mitigate potential falling hazards at home or work. We also encourage everyone to learn more about early warning systems including ShakeAlert and earthquake early warning phone applications like MyShake.

RECOMMENDATION:

Presentation only with a plan to show a [quick video](#) (1:14) to demonstrate the drop, cover, hold on action following some brief remarks.

Video Link: [Drop, Cover, and Hold On – Protect Yourself During an Earthquake](#)

Recommendation is for all County employees to participate in the October 16, 2025, drill at 10:16am by practicing the drop, cover, and hold on action.

Respectfully submitted,

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