City of Astoria

Assignment

Organization: City of Astoria
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About the City of Astoria

Astoria is located at the mouth of the Columbia River in the Northwestern corner of Oregon. Incorporated in 1811, the City of Astoria operates under a Council-Manger form of government. The City employs approximately 100 FTES and as many part time employees. The City provides a broad range of services for its residents including public safety, road infrastructure, safe and quality water distribution, wastewater and stormwater management, permittings, planning and other business and economic development services, a parks and recreation system, aquatic facility and more.

Due to Astoria’s location at the confluence of the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean, the North Coast region of Oregon is subject to a number of Natural Hazards and the subsequent impact of Hazardous Materials on the environment. These hazards fall along a wide spectrum, including flooding, earthquakes, road collapse, communication outages, and severe weather. The serving RARE will complete a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) in accordance with policies set in place from the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). In conjunction with the COOP, an inventory of equipment, vehicles, and assets will be logged into “myAgility”, a service provided by Agility Recovery Solutions. Agility provides this service as a third party through the City County Insurance Services or CIS. This online portal will allow the swift continuity of City of Astoria essential services to protect life, health, and property. The goal is to outline who, what, and where assets will be needed to meet the demands of natural and man-made emergencies.

Meet Jason Pollack

- B.A. Political Science – University of Oregon
- People may be surprised when they learn that I only learned how to swim when I was 21 years old. Swimming was a childhood fear of mine and after years of lessons as a child, I never became comfortable in the water.
- Today, serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Memphis, Tennessee is my most significant accomplishment. To serve, I relocated to Memphis not knowing anyone or anything about the city, and within a few months I was able to understand the city’s history, local issues, and participate in city projects. The opportunity to work on unique projects helped me further define my working style, organizational methods, and planning skills.