

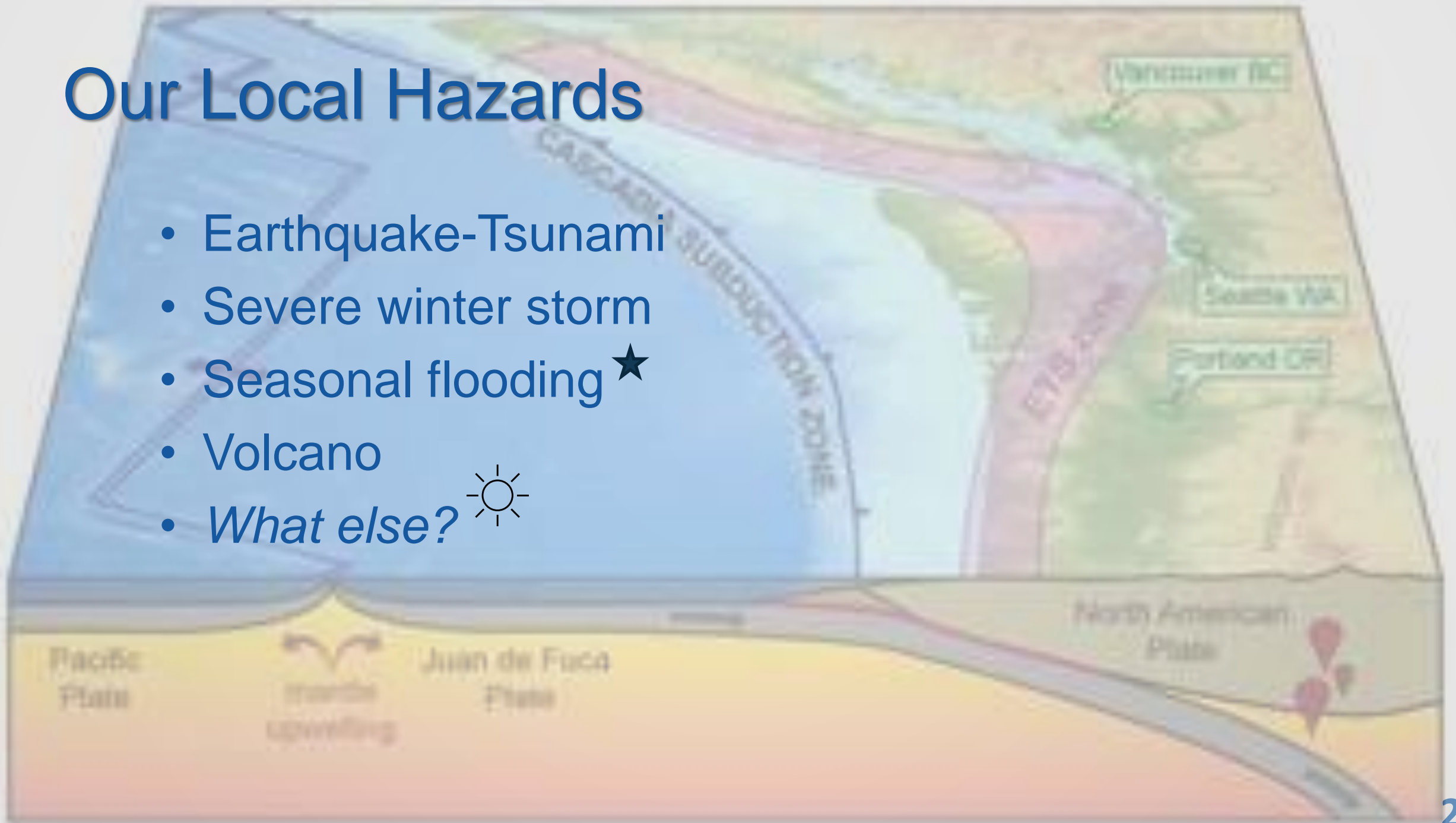
Emergency Preparedness Outreach MNAC Overview

Bellingham Fire Department
Office of Emergency Management



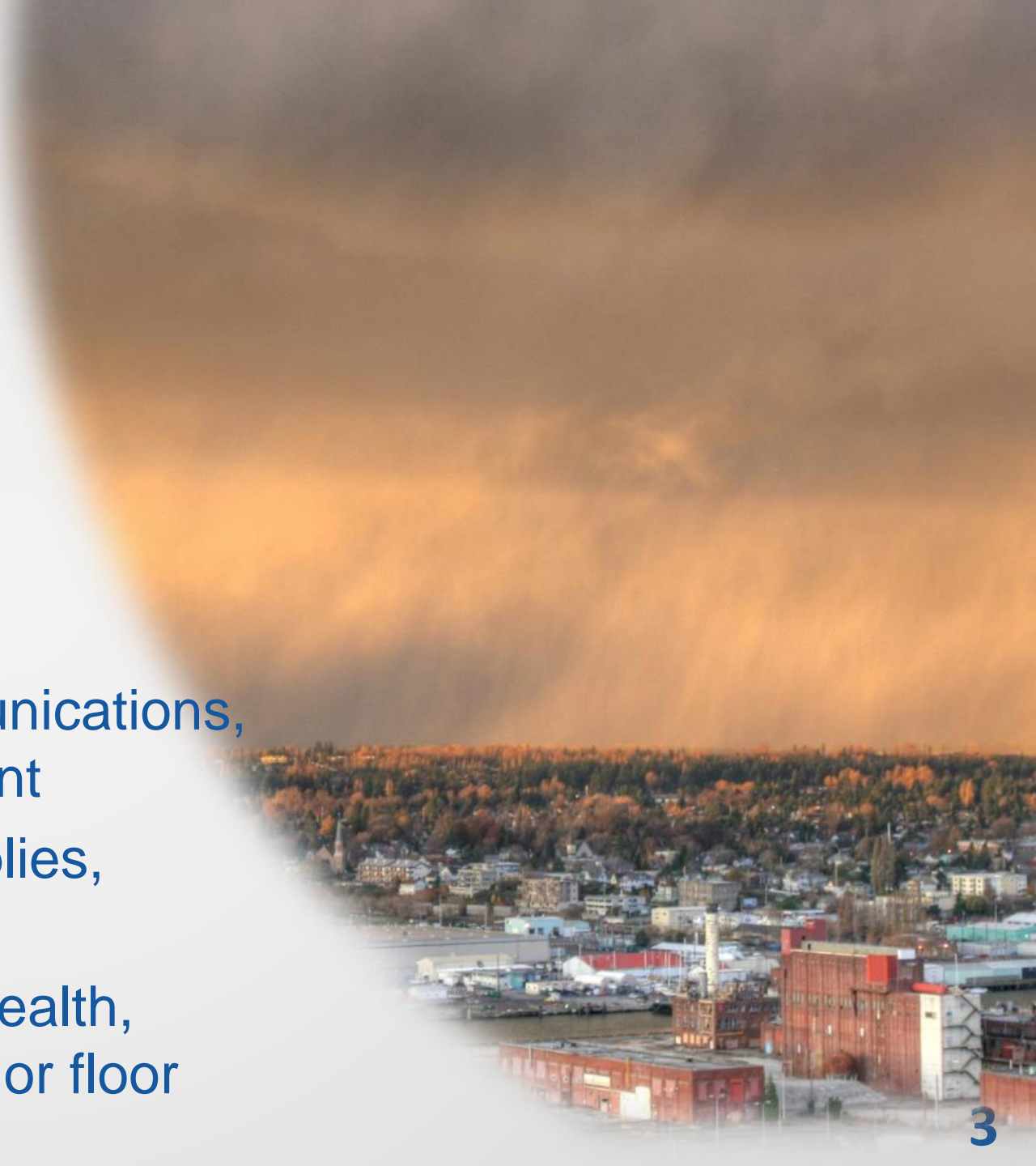
Our Local Hazards

- Earthquake-Tsunami
- Severe winter storm
- Seasonal flooding ★
- Volcano
- *What else?* ☀



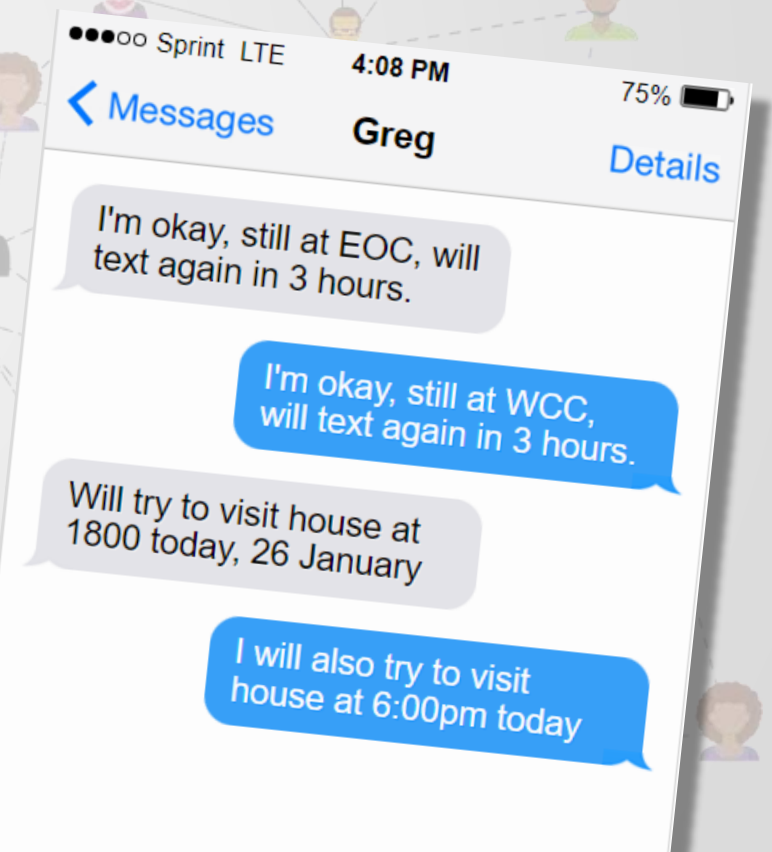
Impacts and Environment

- Toileting may be limited, may be rudimentary
- Water may be in short supply
- Electricity impacts lighting, communications, heating, refrigeration, entertainment
- Transportation impacts basic supplies, evacuation, reunification
- Debris impacts living conditions, health, transportation, working on ground or floor



Plans and Expectations

- Communication Plan
- Reunification Plan
- Financial Plan-Insurance
- Discuss and manage expectations for all members of the household and out of area contacts



Two Weeks Ready

- Preparing to shelter in place *(think back to the beginning of the pandemic)*
- Preparing for the entire household
- The shopping is often the easy part *(but not for everyone)*





Neighborhood
resilience
group activity

By the Numbers in 2025

Focus	Total Events	Total Contacts
Elder Preparedness	13	148
Residential Preparedness	27	674
Tsunami Awareness	3	438
Workplace Preparedness	10	118
Youth Preparedness	4	545

Totals as of October 14

Projected total events: 67

Projected total contacts: 2,100

Outreach in the Community in 2025

- Bellingham Public Library (monthly)
- Bellingham Senior Activity Center (monthly)
- Bellingham Kids Fest (August)
- Safe Kids Whatcom County (August)
- Bellingham SeaFeast (September)
- Great WA ShakeOut (October)

Serving our Neighborhoods in 2025

- Birchwood
- Columbia
- Cordata
- Cornwall Park
- Lettered Streets
- Sunnyland
- York
- Festival Square
- James Street Estates
- Parkway Village Apartments
- Woodrose Senior Apartments

HOW WILL YOU GET TSUNAMI ALERTS?
Make sure you know how you will be alerted to a tsunami in your community:




October 16th is the Great Washington ShakeOut
All tsunami sirens will be tested on 10/16 at 10:16 AM with the actual wailing sound. Please do not call 911.

- ☐ Register for the Great WA ShakeOut at ShakeOut.org/Washington & practice drop, cover, & hold on with the rest of the state.
- ☐ Identify your tsunami evacuation routes & practice walking them.
- ☐ Sign up for local emergency alerts & purchase a NOAA Weather Radio.

Sign up for tsunami alerts

m.wa.gov/alerts

Find your tsunami maps

m.wa.gov/maps



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Squalicum Harbor
Cruise Terminal
11 more along Whatcom
County Shoreline

Do you hear tsunami sirens?
Don't freak out, it's...



Meet Me at the Siren!
Join us at Squalicum Harbor
on the path toward the Fisherman's Pavilion
Google map link: <https://tinyurl.com/MeetMeAtTheSiren>
Thursday, October 16, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Learn about earthquakes, tsunami,
and the sirens along our shoreline!

Questions about the sirens?
Check out m.wa.gov/tsunami.
<https://cob.org/emergencies>




*Thank you for the opportunity to
serve our community in 2025!*

