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Half-Day Closure of City Hall on July 13

The City of Springfield will temporarily close City Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 13, 2017. The closure will occur to provide ALICE active shooter training for all City employees that work at City Hall. The temporary closure involves all City Hall offices, in addition to the Springfield Library, FireMed, and the Development and Public Works Permit Counter. The Springfield Police Department, Eugene-Springfield Fire Department, Springfield Development and Public Works Operations Division and online services will remain operational during the closure. The temporary closure is necessary to provide for the safety and security of staff and trainers during the training.

What: City Hall Closure

Who: Building and Development community, Business owners, Library patrons, FireMed customers and community members at-large

When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 13, 2017

Where: City of Springfield, City Hall

Additional information: Ken Vogoney, City Emergency Manager, at 541.736.1026 or kvogoney@springfield-or.gov

Background: The ALICE program empowers everyone to use their best judgment by teaching five strategies that a person can use to protect themselves and respond to an active shooter incident, whether the incident occurs at work, within the community, or while travelling. These strategies are NOT sequential, are NOT a checklist, and no single response or strategy fits all active shooter incidents. The five strategies* are:

- Alert – ALERT is your first notification of danger.
- Lockdown – Barricade the room. Prepare to EVACUATE and COUNTER if needed.
- Inform – Communicate the violent intruder’s location and direction in real time.
- Counter – Create Noise, Movement, Distance and Distraction with the intent of reducing the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately. COUNTER is NOT fighting.
- Evacuate – When safe to do so, remove yourself from the danger zone.

*From the ALICE Training Institute website, www.alicetraining.com.