

## **Media Advisory – February 18, 2010**

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### **Snohomish County to host series of Natural Hazards Risk Education Workshops**

Snohomish County invites the public to participate in a series of public meetings to learn about the County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) update to be held next week at locations throughout the region.

First adopted by the County and 42 participating partners in 2005, the plan assesses risk within the county for nine natural disasters including floods, earthquakes and landslides. Citizens attending the meetings will learn about local natural hazards and how they might impact public and private property.

Current hazard maps will be available for viewing, and access to a computer will allow residents to see how some hazards will impact their property.

The meetings will be held from 6-9 PM at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 23 – Stanwood Fire Station, 8117 267<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Stanwood
- Wednesday, February 24 – Sultan Middle School Commons, 301 High Ave., Sultan
- Thursday, February 25– City of Arlington Council Chambers, 238 North Olympic Ave., Arlington

The NHMP is required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to encourage and promote pro-active, pre-disaster planning communities as a condition of receiving federal disaster aid. The plan was originally developed and guided by a Steering Committee of representatives from business, agencies, government, diking districts, organizations and citizens.

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