

## MERC Monthly Business Report

March 2025

### Evacuation Improvement Plan Completion

- Person in Charge Training: Staff who may be identified as the “Person in Charge” in an evacuation event have received training.
- New Evacuation Go Bags: Several “Evacuation Go Bags” have been staged around the venue. These bags contain a mega-phone, expandable flags, traffic wands, and colored vests to help identify staff leaders and improve communication during an evacuation event.
- Required Trained Crowd Manager Course: This course is intended to train frontline staff to act as guides in the event a large crowd must be relocated or evacuated. Crowds are often unfamiliar with their surroundings and are more likely to reach safety with the guidance of trained staff.
- Evacuation Chair Training: Frontline staff have been trained and continued department training will occur throughout the year.
- Individual Department Evacuation Trainings took place the week of February 24.
- Updated Documents & Procedures:
  - New Evacuation Protocols Complete.
  - New Emergency Response Plan Complete. The plan describes how OCC staff will respond to a range of emergency situations, from minor to extreme. It includes facility-specific emergency response roles, responsibilities and procedures.
  - Revised Emergency Pocket Guide Complete. These pocket guides fit into employee badge holders making emergency instructions readily available to staff.

### Portland Business Journal

Chef Allan Wamba, Levy, was recently recognized in the Portland Business Journal as part of a feature for Black History Month. You may read the article here:

[https://www.bizjournals.com/portland/potmsearch/detail/submission/6555319/Allan\\_Wamba\\_a](https://www.bizjournals.com/portland/potmsearch/detail/submission/6555319/Allan_Wamba_a)

**Space to Grow Event Recap** – The Space to Grow Fund launch celebration and tasting took place on February 26. This program was designed to support local organizations, especially those from historically marginalized communities, by providing in-kind funding to host impactful events at OCC. Members of these communities were invited to the celebration along with members of the MERC Commission and Metro Council. Guests enjoyed networking with OCC team members, sampling Levy's food and beverage offerings, learning more about how to

apply for the fund, and listening to speakers, including Commissioner Dañel Malán-González. Door prizes and mini-venue tours were also available. So far, OCC has received 5 applications from local organizations for the fund, and we are excited to announce our first round of awards by March 31.