

Earthquake causes tremors across county

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According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, magnitude is the amount of energy released during an earthquake which is computed from the amplitude of the seismic waves.

A magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter Scale indicates an extremely strong earthquake.

FEMA officials say that each whole number on the scale represents an increase of about 30 times more energy released than the previous whole number represents.

Therefore, an earthquake measuring 6.0 is about 30 times more powerful than one measuring 5.0

Earthquakes happen because of a sudden slipping or movement of a portion of the earth's crust, accompanied and followed by a series of vibrations, FEMA officials said.

Woldt said he's been fielding calls from all over since the quake.

"Someone in Overton thought

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