

# Living with Volcanoes:

## How a South American Town May Save Lives around Mount Rainier

Carolyn Driedger, Hydrologist and Outreach Coordinator with the United States Geological Survey Cascades Volcano Observatory and Zane Gibson, Fire Chief, Orting Valley Fire and Rescue share the story of their visit to Colombia's Nevado del Ruiz volcano and valuable lessons learned for residents near Mount Rainier.

Colombia suffered one of the worst volcanic disasters of the 20th century in 1985. When ice-clad Nevado del Ruiz erupted, lahars destroyed communities. More than 23,000 fatalities occurred. The disaster had a profound effect on scientific and disaster management in Colombia and around the world.

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**Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.**

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