



# Emergency Preparedness in a Mobile Home Park

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# How to Start a Neighborhood Team

- Recruit 5-10 neighbors to plan an information meeting
- Find a location & schedule a parkwide meeting
- Call Carol Burtis to request a speaker 714-536-5979
- Prepare a flyer informing of the meeting and speaker. Having a Grab-n-Go Bag to display can be informative.
- Ask if the Park manager will print the flyer – emergency preparedness helps owners & managers as well.

# Informational Meeting

- ▶ City CERT speaker will talk about the importance of being ready for disasters, resources, and local training opportunities.
- ▶ Distribute a handout on resident interest – to learn more, to volunteer on a parkwide readiness group, to obtain training (samples available). They fill out at meeting.
- ▶ Look at contents of a Grab-n-Go Bag.
- ▶ Serve refreshments (provided by a local business or donated by residents).

# Follow-up to Meeting

- Host an informal meeting of those who were interested in forming an emergency preparedness (EP) group
- Decide if you'll do a Parkwide EP group or simply help residents learn how to help themselves (Self-Help Group).
- Write monthly newsletter articles (Ada has 35+ that can be used/adapted for your park.
- Volunteers take classes from City CERT, Red Cross and/or FireMed on CPR, first aid, etc).

# Self-Help Group

- ▶ Park volunteers host monthly/semi-monthly training sessions for the whole park.
- ▶ Collect emails from residents who want to be informed of local emergencies/utility shut-offs, etc. This is to be used carefully and sent as blind copies.
- ▶ Participate in California Shake-Out in October each year for people to practice their self-help and evacuation procedures.

# Parkwide EP Group

- Draft an organization plan to include Park Coordinator, Assistant, Search & Rescue Groups, and others to help if the clubhouse is to be an emergency shelter. With COVID, the Red Cross has motels for residents to go to.
- Plan a fundraising event or ask for donations to use for purchase of a generator, a storage shed, medical supplies.
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- Collect emergency information from each residence (Ada has a form) in order to know who will need special help in case of a disaster.
- Participate in California Shake-Out in October each year for people to practice search & rescue and evacuation procedures.
- Inform residents in the newsletter of how the Park is getting ready, budget reports, and year-end accomplishments.
- Distribute article newsletters and Help/Okay signs to new residents.