## BUILDING TOGETHER



Building Community Preparedness and Resilience Skills



### **Building Together**

**WELCOME** 



WHY IS IT IMPROTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN PREPAREDNESS?

#### WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

 Do you have an understanding of what you need to protect yourselves and your love ones?

• Effective planning for disasters for everyone in your local community must include people of all ages and those with various access and functional needs.

#### WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

It is unrealistic to expect governments including local, State and Federal to do everything.

Governments cannot meet the spectrum of needs without help from all community members.

# COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS IS THE KEY PRIORITY

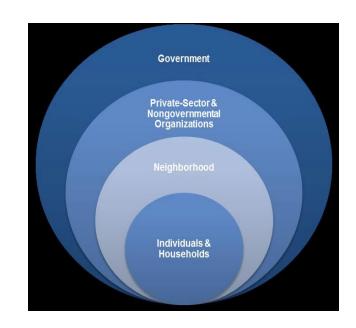
Effective community preparedness occurs at all levels including:

Government

**Public and Private Sectors** 

Neighborhoods

Individuals and Households



## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/BLOCK WATCH?

- 1.) Citizens and Police working in partnership to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.
  - Reporting suspicious activity.
- 2.) A cohesive body of citizens addressing issues which concern the entire community.
- 3.) Neighbors getting to know each other, taking the time to care about each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.

# WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/BLOCK WATCH IS NOT

- 1.) Not guard duty, Not vigilantes, Not to take the place of Law Enforcement.
- Your safety is top priority.
- Report suspicious activity



#### HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Pick a block Captain
   Organize the neighbors
   Encourage participation
- 2.) Have first meeting/make it fun
  Ukiah Police Department will provide training at your
  first meeting. Subjects will cover:
  Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity,
  Crime prevention techniques,
  CPTED for sites, etc.

#### HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

- 3.) Ways to communicate with neighbors
  - Email
  - Cell phone
  - NEXT Door
  - Person to Person
- 4.) Keep it going with ongoing crime prevention information.
- 5.) National Neighborhood Watch Institute https://www.nnwi.org/

#### BROCHURES

Home Security quiz

What is Suspicious?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design/CPTED

#### MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood Disaster Readiness

- Nine steps to take immediately after a disaster
  - It is hard to think clearly following disaster.

#### MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Find out the skills and equipment each neighbor has that are useful after disaster strikes.
  - Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills aids your response and allows everyone to help in a meaningful way.

#### MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Create a Neighborhood Map showing the locations of:
  - Each natural gas meter and propane tank.
  - About 67% of house fires following disasters are caused by leaking gas. Knowing where these meters are and shutting them off helps prevent fires.
  - Each neighbor who is elderly, those with a disability, or homes where children may be unattended during certain hours of the day.
    - Checking on neighbors prone to injury helps protect them.

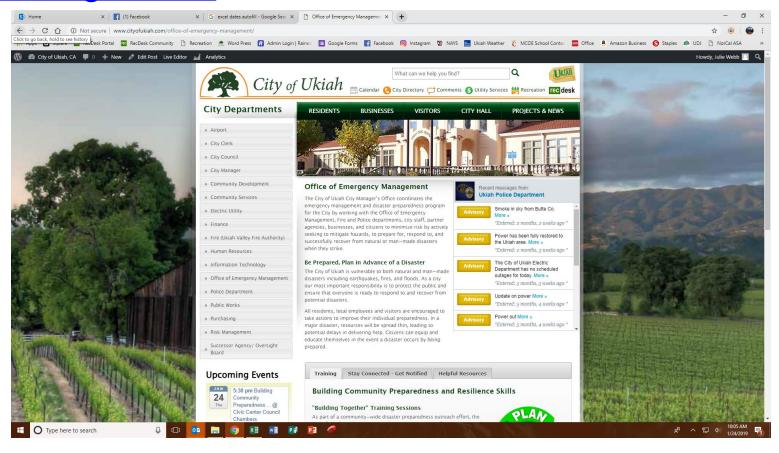
## Meeting Places

- Alternate Meeting Locations-Three Places
- Discuss When You Would Go There
- What To Do If You Can't Get There



#### **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**

 http://www.cityofukiah.com/office-of-emergencymanagement/



## WHAT'S NEXT



#### INFORMATION

- CERT Classes
- Volunteer Organizations Active During Disasters
- Red Cross

WWW.ready.gov

#### INFORMATION

- Cal Fire Ready Set Go
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- County of Mendocino Office of Emergency Services
- Mendocino County Fire Safe Council
- Mendocino County's Community Alert System
- Ready.gov
- Red Cross Flood Preparedness
- FEMA Sample Emergency Kit List

### Thank you for attending

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