# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BRYANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING FOR BRYANT NEIGHBORHOOD**

	Neighborhood Survey identifies emergency preparedness as an area of interest. BNA PrepLO subcommittee formed.	Monthly meetings on emergency preparedness.	Received NEP grant for emergency preparedness supplies.	Conducted Emergency Preparedness survey.	Quarterly meetings, establishing team captains, develop emergency response plan for BNA.
I	2018	Winter 2019	August 2019	June 2020	2021

#### **GOALS**

- 1. Create an emergency response network on each street/area in our neighborhood and through this network prepare to respond to any disaster such as a heavy winter storm or a catastrophic earthquake (Cascadia Subduction Earthquake).
- 2. Prepare neighbors for individual and household survival in the event of an emergency or disaster.
- 3. Use "Team Captains" to bring neighbors together with a shared common goal of helping one another during and after an emergency or catastrophic event.

#### **PROGRESS TO DATE**

- Completed EP survey of BNA residents in June 2019
- Information from survey respondents indicated strong interest in EP programs and willingness to share first responder expertise and resources
- Eight neighbors volunteered as initial team captains
- Held two EP committee meetings and a briefing with Dave Smith, LOFD Deputy Fire Marshall
- Coordinated with established EP committees/experts from other NAs for information and resource sharing

#### PRIORITIES AND NEXT STEPS

- Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) outreach program to immediate close neighbors
  - Provide information about preparedness
  - Obtain contact information for follow-up and emergency response
  - Solicit involvement in ongoing EP programs
  - Develop and distribute flyer with EP info and survey for feedback
    - Reference PrepLO
    - Other EP documents e.g. On Shaky Ground
  - Establishing neighborhood "zones" for team captains to organize
  - Establish emergency meeting points and equipment storage/access points
    - Fire station, LOJH school
- Get names and contact info of CERT trainees in BNA area
  - Ensure that they and other trained first responders are available in case of emergency
- Develop a viable communications strategy and equipment in case of power, internet and cell phone disruption
  - Test and train using portable radios David Kainoa (Lake Forest NA and Dave Smith (LOFD) assisting testing and training.
  - Involve LO ham radio operators (Bill DeBuhr and LO ARES group)

#### **OTHER ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Lessons learned from ice storm
  - Large scale disasters (e.g. earthquake) vs. periodic emergencies (storms)
  - Neighborhood-focused communication and support channels
    - NextDoor, Buy Nothing
  - Tree maintenance
- Welcome board member support, particularly for outreach and city support
- Neighborhood grants

## **QUESTIONS**

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