

Neighborhood Emergency Teams

Our emergency response organization is based on family first, neighborhood second and community third. After caring for the immediate needs of their families, we expect neighbors will help each other in time of need – and then assist our community and its neighbors to cope with major emergencies. The Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) structure is intended to help make this happen.

Each NET needs from 4 to 6 members who are willing to:

- coordinate emergency response efforts
- help with fire suppression
- search for and rescue victims
- provide medical first aid to the injured
- care for children and others in need of assistance
- care for animals and pets
- manage communications with NET members, and get help from resources in our community and the public agencies we depend on in emergencies

Your LVHA Emergency Response Committee has divided our community into 24 neighborhood block areas. A Neighborhood Emergency Team will be organized in each block area to assist its residents with emergency needs.

Team members will receive assistance with training, and emergency medical supplies will be made available to each Neighborhood Emergency Team. A description of the Neighborhood Block Areas and a community map are included at the end of this document. See the Neighborhood Block Areas document for detailed maps of each Block Area.

LVHA Emergency Response Organization

The LVHA Emergency Response organization is based on the Incident Command System (ICS) to coordinate with public and private agencies and mutual aid resources that may provide assistance in community emergencies. The ICS is used in Marin County and throughout California in the event of a disaster or wide area emergency.

Our organization includes 3 levels of responsibility:

LVHA Board

- Emergency funding authorization

LVHA Emergency Response Team

- Assist and support the Neighborhood Emergency Teams
- Provide a central point of contact for NET members and the agencies providing assistance to our community
- Manage community emergency preparedness activities

Neighborhood Emergency Teams

- Provide neighborhood response in emergencies
- Identify emergency needs and organize neighborhood resources to meet them

NETs can include any number of members, though each should have a minimum of 4 to 6 individuals organized to handle the responsibilities of these positions:

- Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator (Block Captains)
- Fire Suppression

- Search and Rescue
- Medical Services
- Child Care
- Animal and Pet Care
- Communications and Logistics

See the LVHA Emergency Response Plan for information on our community organization and LVHA Emergency Response Team position responsibilities.

Neighborhood Emergency Team Organization and Responsibilities

Each NET is responsible for its Neighborhood Block Area. Each NET member should be familiar with all responsibilities of the team and, ideally, able to perform or assist with all team functions. Since all NET members will not be in our community at the time of a major emergency, the more members each NET has, the better chance it has of successfully managing the emergency.

NET Position Responsibilities

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and First Aid training are strongly recommended (though not required) for all NET members.

>> See Education Opportunities document.

All Positions

Pre-emergency responsibilities:

- Participate in drills, organize neighborhood teams, periodic review of position responsibilities, check and maintain supplies, test and maintain equipment, identify and communicate changes, orient and adjust for new residents

Drill responsibilities:

- Walk-through to review community infrastructure, identify potential hazards and plan to eliminate or minimize them, practice responsibilities emphasizing communication

Note: Items in [brackets] identify some of the items needed for each position

>> See Emergency Checklists for more information on emergency preparedness

Neighborhood Emergency Team Coordinator

- Organize Neighborhood Emergency Team
- Manage neighborhood response to the emergency (fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, locate and assist children and residents with special needs, damage assessment, safety and status of utilities, organize food, water and shelter)
- Assign Neighborhood Emergency Team priorities
- Complete Damage and Injury Assessment, Missing Person forms, communicate to Community Emergency Response Coordinator
- Communicate neighborhood status and needs to Community Emergency Response and Communications Coordinators
- Reassign team members or release to community assignments as available

Fire Suppression

- Fight fires [small extinguishers, pumps, garden hoses, shovels]
- Shut off utilities (identify utility shut offs for each residence) [hydrant/valve wrench, pry bar]
- Isolate victims from hazmat spills [absorbent-sand, tarps]

Search and Rescue

- Search for victims
- Rescue victims [pry bars, rope, cribbing, axe, saws, heavy gloves, eye protection, hardhats, 2-way radios, fire extinguisher, water, heavy tarp or blanket, stretchers, splinting]
- Evacuate victims to treatment area [large vehicle, stretcher, tarp, wheelbarrow]
- Locate unattended children and residents with special needs, evacuate to safe area
- Locate pets and confine in a secure area (fenced yard with unobstructed access, tennis court)
- Damage assessment - structures, roads, water lines, utilities [neighborhood and community maps of buildings, roads, hydrants, utilities; assessment guide and checklist, hazard tape, staple gun]

Medical Services

- Organize treatment area [Medical Treatment Area Checklist]
- Triage [CERT Triage guidelines, triage tags]
- Manage treatment (first aid/comfort) [NET medical supplies]
- Arrange transportation to community emergency operations center or advanced life support facility

Child Care

- Provide food, shelter, security and comfort to neighborhood children and dependent adults until reunited with their parents/families, or care is assumed by authorized guardian or relative, private agency (e.g., Red Cross) or by public resources (e.g., CPS) [secure, stable structure or fenced yard, with stable shelter, e.g., tent or canopy; name tags; quiet activity materials (writing, coloring and drawing materials, group games)]
- Encourage children to write or draw about their family members (e.g., transportation methods, vehicle descriptions, work place, coworkers) to capture information that may assist in reunion
- Review resources for recognizing and treating trauma in children

Animal and Pet Care

- Collect and confine and segregate pets in safe areas [crates, cages, secure yards]
- Provide food and water [non-spill bowls], care and exercise [animal 1st aid, id tags, plastic bags for waste] >> [See Marin Humane Society guidelines](#)

Communications and Logistics

- Organize communications network – phones, 2-way radio, HAM radio, bicycle, runners
- Participate in community communications practice drills [GMRS and/or HAM radio]
- Identify equipment, supplies, transportation, food and shelter needs, match to available resources
- Organize available team members, identify skills and match with needs

LVHA Neighborhood Block Areas

Block #	# of Homes	Block Description
1	22	Mt Rainier Dr west of Mt McKinley Rd (#s 70 to 88) Mt McKinley Rd south of Mt Rainier Dr (#s 28 and 29) Mt Burney Court
2	23	Mt Rainier Ct Mt Rainier Dr east of Mt McKinley Rd (#s 33 to 66)
3	22	Mt Rainier Dr #s 1 to 30 Zephyr Ct
4	22	Mt McKinley Rd north of Mt Rainier Dr to Idylberry Rd (#s 5 to 18) Idylberry Rd from Mt McKinley to Mt Rainier Dr (#s 1272 to 1300)
5	17	Oak Mountain Dr Oak Mountain Ct
6	27	Idylberry Rd west of Mt Tioga Ct (#s 1344 to 1366) Rubicon Ct Mt Tioga Ct
7	20	Idylberry Rd from Mt McKinley Rd to Mt Tioga Ct (#s 1301 to 1339)
8	18	Mt Whitney Ct El Capitan Dr
9	28	Mt Whitney Dr
10	29	Mt Foraker Dr Mt Foraker Ct Mt Lyell Dr
11	26	Idylberry Rd from Mt Rainier Dr to Mt Foraker Dr (#s 1247 to 1268) Mt Hood Ct Idylberry Rd from Mt Foraker Dr to Mt Shasta Dr (#s 1200 to 1241)
12	20	Mt Tallac Ct west of Mt Wittenburg Ct (#s 43 to 91)
13	24	Mt Wittenburg Ct Mt Tallac Ct east of Mt Wittenburg Ct (#s 15 to 39)
14	23	Mt Shasta Dr east of Vogelsang Dr to Idylberry Rd (#s 200 to 256 and 301)
15	27	Mt Shasta Dr west of Vogelsang Dr to Idylberry Rd (#s 300 and 304 to 357) Mt Shasta Ct
16	17	Idylberry Rd from Mt Shasta Dr to Mt Tenaya Dr (#s 1180 to 1196) Pikes Peak Dr
17	24	Mt Tenaya Dr Mt Tenaya Ct
18	19	Idylberry Rd from Mt Tenaya Dr to Mt Palomar Ct (#s 1150 to 1178) Mt Palomar Ct
19	26	Idylberry Rd east of Mt Palomar Ct (#s 1098 to 1144) Mt Susitna Ct
20	28	Mt Lassen Dr west of Mt Dana Dr to Idylberry Rd (#s 100 and 105 to 190) Mt Diablo Cir
21	16	Mt Lassen Dr east of Mt Dana Dr to Idylberry Rd (#s 22, 25 to 90 and 101)
22	22	Mt Muir Ct west side (#s 2 to 50)
23	22	Mt Muir Ct east side (#s 51 to 94)
24	16	Mt Lassen Dr from Mt Darwin Ct to Idylberry Rd (#s 17, 19, 21 and 23) Mt Darwin Ct

Community Map – Neighborhood Block Areas

