

## **Emergency Response FAQs**

### **How can I prepare for emergencies?**

- Make a family emergency plan (see the Family Emergency Plan and Emergency Checklists documents).
- Complete an Emergency Assistance Information Form (see Documents) and send it to the LVHA Business Manager or the Emergency Response Committee chair.
- Join your Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) and/or volunteer for the community level LVHA Emergency Response Team.
- Use the available education and training (see Education Opportunities document), and become a county-certified Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member.

### **Where can I get help with a Family Emergency Plan?**

- The Family Emergency Plan and Emergency Checklists documents include guidance and links to additional resources to help tailor a plan to your specific needs.
- Consider family emergencies as well as the widespread disasters that may require evacuation (wildfire) or long term disruption in public services (earthquake). Important elements of a family emergency plan include:
  - Communication with family members and a contact out of the northern California area
  - A reunion plan – safe meeting places and transportation routes when emergencies cause separation
  - What to do and where to get help for expected emergencies
  - Practice – discussion of “what if” scenarios and practice drills for fire and earthquake
- Enlist an Emergency Response Committee member to help.

### **How do I find my Neighborhood Emergency Team?**

- Our community is divided into 24 Neighborhood Block Areas. Most of these have some level of Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) organization. See the Neighborhood Block Areas document for a description and map of each neighborhood block area.
- To identify your Neighborhood Emergency Team coordinator(s), contact the LVHA Business Manager or the Emergency Response Committee chair.

### **How do I participate in my Neighborhood Emergency Team?**

- Talk with your neighbors, and your Neighborhood Emergency Team coordinator(s) (to identify them, contact the LVHA Business Manager or the Emergency Response Committee chair).
- If your Neighborhood Block Area doesn't have a Neighborhood Emergency Team, help organize one.

### **How do I organize a Neighborhood Emergency Team for my block area?**

- See the Neighborhood Emergency Teams document.
- Enlist an Emergency Response Committee member to help.

**What resources are available to help with emergency preparedness?**

Documents on LVHA.org include links to several useful websites including [readymarin.org](http://readymarin.org) and [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

**How long should I plan on being self-sufficient in the event of a widespread emergency?**

Government agencies recommend a minimum of 72 hours and up to 2 weeks for basic services. If the most destructive event were to strike Marin Co., the recovery would take many months.

**What should I do if there is a widespread emergency?**

- Check-in with your Neighborhood Emergency Team Coordinator to report your family safe or request help as needed.
- Check on other residents in your Neighborhood Block Area to confirm they are safe or determine support needs.
- If all is well in your NET, find the LVHA Emergency Operations Center (at Lucas Valley Community Center or Dixie School Multi-purpose Building) to offer help where needed.

**What support can Neighborhood Emergency Teams expect in a widespread disaster?**

Marinwood Fire Dept. will likely be engaged in the eastern sector of its service area. If your Neighborhood Emergency Team needs resources, the first contact is with the LVHA Emergency Communications net (FRS channel 1, no privacy code). The LVHA Emergency Response Team (ERT) will establish an emergency operations center at the Lucas Valley Community Center (LVCC) or the Dixie School multipurpose building, depending on structural integrity. The ERT will work to find resources to meet needs of NETs requesting assistance.