

# Welcome - Why we are Here

Everyone in this room is an invited guest of the mayor.

We welcome you as City residents that are:

- Concerned about emergency preparedness
- Representing traditional and HOA managed neighborhoods
- Desirous of being better prepared for emergencies

We are here to learn more about the City's Emergency Preparedness Plans

# Major Emergencies are not rare

We prepare for emergencies because we believe that there is the possibility that they could happen to us and in our area.

They happen every day in America . . . And they have happen here too.



# Emergencies and Perspective

We commonly see unfortunate disruptive events happen to others and we feel empathy, but our perspective changes a little when that same event happens to us.

It's all a matter of perspective.

# Why We Prepare

We are more likely to prepare for an emergency once we have experienced one. There is a direct correlation between the pain of the experience and the preparation we do thereafter.

The challenge and the question we all face is:

“Am I convinced that now is the time for me to prepare?”



# Disruptive Events - Minor to Major

## Severity Levels of Disruptive Events

- Short-term interruption of services
- Localized emergency
- Major Emergency

# Major Emergencies

What are the likely causes?

- Fire
- Flood
- Earthquake
- Pandemic
- Civil Chaos
- Etc.



# Major Emergency

Depending on the severity of the emergency, utility and other municipal services could quickly be lost, including:

# Major Emergency

- Communications - Internet and Phone
- Water
- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Sewer
- Medical transport
- Medical services



# City - Emergency Preparedness Plans

The purpose of this meeting is to present the City's emergency preparedness plans and how they relate to:

- Traditional neighborhoods
- Neighborhoods managed by HOAs
- Residents living outside of a traditional neighborhood
- Interested citizens
- Concerned citizens

# Actions - Roles and Responsibilities

Our success in getting better prepared both in the implementation phase and beyond will be determined by our follow-through and commitment to action .

We will all be more efficient in this process if we first, clearly understand our individual roles and responsibilities and second, act on them.



# Emergency Response Training - Structure

One of the responsibilities of the City is to provide some emergency preparedness type training for residents.

That training is patterned after FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

# CERT - Organizational Structure

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Organizational structure:

- Tier One - Individual
- Tier Two - Community
- Tier Three - Government - City - County - State - FEMA



# Tier One - Individual Emergency Preparedness

## Tier One

## Tier One - Individual Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness at this level is based on individuals and families doing whatever they feel motivated to do in their homes, possibly including:



# Tier One - Individual Emergency Preparedness

- Storing a little extra food and water
- Having a family emergency plan
- Having a well-stocked first-aid kit
- Having basic first-aid training
- Prepared to shelter in-place
- Being prepared to evacuate quickly
- Etc.

## Tier One - Right Choice Prepared

The City and Right Choice Prepared have partnered together.

Right Choice Prepared Inc. is a Utah based non-profit corporation and offers to help those on the Tier One level with their Individual Emergency Preparedness at no charge.



# Right Choice Prepared - Introduction

Right Choice Prepared provides:

- Monthly Seminars - various emergency preparedness topics
- Workshops - hands-on training
- Access to emergency preparedness materials - website based

# Right Choice Prepared - Introduction

We provide assistance and show residents how they can organize grass-roots community-based preparedness groups where 'Neighbors Help Neighbors'

There is no cost to participate

Our Seminars are free of charge



# Right Choice Prepared - Introduction

We are not preppers, alarmist or extremist

We are about 'calm preparation'

Our approach is always positive, never negative

Our efforts are focused on preparing, caring and sharing

We are not interested in hoarding and protecting

## Right Choice Prepared - How does it work

It's all based on volunteerism.

Someone volunteers to be a 'Good Neighbor' (GN).

They are assigned a geographic area of 6-12 homes called a 'Block'.

They make an initial visit to their neighbor's home and explain what they are doing.



## Right Choice Prepared - How does it work

Any who are not interested are politely left alone.

A 3-colored card set (Green, Yellow & Red) is left for the resident to display in a front facing window in time of crisis indicating level of need.

Our website contains a wealth of relevant information and can be found on the web at:

Right Choice Prepared - on the web

[rcprepared.com](http://rcprepared.com)



# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Tier Two

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness at this level is based on resident volunteers working cooperatively with the City. There are four areas of focus and training:



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

1. Communications - during an emergency
2. Identifying designated Gathering Places
3. Utilizing the Rapid Disaster Assessment Kit - RDAK
4. Emergency Training - CERT

# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

## #1 Communications



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Communications - during an emergency

Phone communications will probably be disrupted. They may work to make long-distance calls but most likely not local calls.

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Communications - during an emergency

The City has plans to make police-style radios available to a few designated residents in neighborhoods so that information can be relayed.



# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

## # 2 Gathering Place

# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

## Gathering Place

Designated location where residents gather after an emergency to receive instructions on where to go to help their neighbors.



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

### Gathering Place

Locations could include:

- Clubhouses
- Schools
- Government buildings & Libraries
- Military buildings
- Church buildings (only if no other options are available)

# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

What happens at the Gathering Place



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Each arriving resident is given a Handout Packet containing:

- Form with the assigned residents' name and address
- Form to collect any special needs of resident(s):
  - Auxiliary oxygen
  - Critical need for electricity
  - Health or age related issues
- Map showing location of the assigned resident
- Rapid Disaster Assessment Kit - RDAK

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Rapid Disaster Assessment Kit - RDAK



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

### Rapid Disaster Assessment Kit - RDAK

This kit is a part of the Handout Packet and it's primary function is to gather information on the condition of both the:

- Resident
- Dwelling

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

### Resident

- Does anyone need immediate assistance?
- Are there medical needs?
- Etc.



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

### Dwelling

- What is the extent of the damage?
- Does it appear to be safe to occupy?
- Any signs of a gas leak?
- Electrical power lines down?
- Water problems - flooding?
- Etc.

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

In this City we don't have a lot of buildings that can be used as gathering places.

We are suggesting that those HOA's that have a clubhouse allow residents from adjoining subdivisions to also gather to their clubhouse in a time of crisis.



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

This process has already begun

The Eagle Rock HOA has designated their clubhouse as a Gathering Place for the adjoining subdivisions of Vermilion Cliff and The Springs.

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

Community Emergency Response Team -  
CERT



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Community Emergency Response Team - CERT

This specialized training includes:

## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

- Determining the structural integrity of dwellings
- When Not to enter a damaged building
- Communications
- Medical training - Triage
- Fire suppression - Fire extinguisher training
- Leadership



## Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

The City has the following resources to provide CERT training for residents:

1. CERT training materials
2. CERT trained professionals to teach the classes
3. Facilities where the classes are held

# Tier Two - Community Emergency Preparedness

YOU are Needed

Volunteer Now for CERT Training



# Tier Three - Government Emergency Preparedness

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## Tier Three - Government Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness at this level is based on the City and County's preparation efforts and plans that include:



## Tier Three - Government Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency Operation Plan - EOP
- Police and patrol vehicles
- Firemen and fire trucks
- EMT's and ambulances
- Communication systems
- Public Works - Equipment and personnel
- City administration personnel

# Leadership - What it takes to get the job done

Leadership is critical - little gets done without it. It is especially important in an arena where a need exists and there is not a clear understanding of how a leader is acknowledged.



## Leadership - What it takes to get the job done

Personal emergency preparedness is the resident's responsibility. However, in a neighborhood or HOA setting without a way to establish leadership everyone will continue to expect someone else to take the lead to get the job done.

## Leadership - CERT Training

Proper leadership helps establish neighborhood plans and sets the proper example of being both personally prepared and CERT trained.



## Leadership - CERT Training

Properly prepared and CERT trained residents will be better equipped to assess emergencies in their neighborhoods including structural assessments. With the communications training provided in CERT they will know the protocols, proper terminologies and correct language for radio transmissions. The medical training could be life-saving. CERT training in general could possibly be the difference in life-or-death situations.

# Leadership - Neighborhoods

HOA board members hold the key to success in their subdivisions when they provide leadership, without which little is going to change.

In traditional subdivisions the challenge is even greater.

We need YOU to become the Leader in your HOA or neighborhood.



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