

## Join a PC-NET Team

### **Neighborhood Coordinator**

√ Provide overall coordination of the neighborhood plan, both before and immediately following an emergency or disaster.

### **Communications Team**

√ Establish communications between your block group and the city or county's disaster responders (e.g. amateur radio).

√ Monitor the local radio stations for news about the event, and share this information with neighbors.

### **First Aid Team**

√ Establish a neighborhood first aid station.

√ Identify those who require skilled medical care.

### **Damage Assessment Team**

√ Conduct preliminary and updated surveys of the damage the neighborhood has sustained, and report the results back to the coordinator.

√ Remind all neighbors of the importance of taking photos/videos of all valuables before and after the disaster as documentation for insurance claims.

### **Safety and Security Team**

√ Know how and **WHEN** to shut off the gas meters, electricity and water lines for every home in the neighborhood.

√ Identify and rope-off all hazards.

√ Coordinate the evacuation of the neighborhood when necessary.

### **Light Search & Rescue Team**

√ Check each home in the neighborhood to determine the well-being of your neighbors.

√ Conduct a search of those homes sustaining damage to ensure the well-being of those neighbors, and rescue anyone who may be trapped or injured.

### **Sheltering & Special Needs Team**

√ Identify the children, elderly and disabled persons who may need special assistance following a disaster.

√ Set up a neighborhood care center to help those with special needs.

### **Neighborhood Action Team (Crime Prevention)**

√ Identify threats to the community.

√ Know how and when to report suspicious activity.

√ Work on this team is on-going

# Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams



*Helping Neighbors ...*



*Help Themselves*

**Pierce County Emergency Management, 253-798-6595**

# PC-NET Sequence of Events



- 1 Introductory Meeting**
- We learn about the PC-NET program.
  - We learn about the sequence of events and how the program works.
  - We learn about the commitment of time it takes.
  - We learn about the function of each team and skills involved in being a team member.

- 2 Team Formation**
- We learn about the disaster threats of this area.
  - We learn basic home preparedness activities.
  - We organize into six disaster response teams.

- 3 Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) Overview**
- We learn about homeland security concerns.
  - Neighbors establish their own crime prevention priorities.

- 4 Tabletop Exercise**
- We review the recommended sequence of disaster response.
  - We discuss how each team contributes to this response.
  - We establish locations for the block response site, first aid station and care center.
  - We determine the location of the neighborhood supply kit.

- 5 Walk-about Exercise**
- We demonstrate the recommended sequence of an effective response.
  - We create a disaster scenario in the neighborhood, and actually “walk about,” determining what each team will do to respond to the events at each site.
  - We deal with the key issue of “what do we do if some members of a team are not home or have been hurt?”
  - We check the neighborhood gas meters.



- 6 Response 101**
- We review lessons learned in events 1-5.
  - We practice emergency response steps in preparation for the functional drill.
  - We learn how OK/Help cards facilitate a timely response.

- 7 Functional Drill**
- We practice the recommended response sequence.
  - We simulate an earthquake, using mystery envelopes — you won't know what has happened to your neighbors until you go around and check on them. This drill is an excellent practice for:
  - Properly dressing for safety,
  - Checking in at the block response site,
  - Setting up the first aid station and care center,
  - Finding, transporting, and treating the injured.

- 8 Annual Update**
- Functional
  - Held annually to maintain readiness.

