

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.

