

Community Emergency Preparedness

June 14, 2019

Fort Bragg Town Hall



Agenda

1. Housekeeping
2. Resiliency skills during emergencies - Jade Aldrich
3. What emergencies are we preparing for?
4. Sign-up for alerts and information
 - Sheriff Allman
 - Sergeant McLaughlin
 - Becky Walker, FBUSD
5. American Red Cross
6. Planning to shelter in place, evacuate and managing when away from home
7. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Andrew Jordan
8. To-Go Bags: What should you pack? - Derek Hoyle



What can happen?

- Power outages
- Fires (wild and structural)
- Earthquakes
- Flooding and other severe weather
- Medical emergencies
- Tsunamis
- Active shooter
- Pandemic
- Cybersecurity

To name a few concerns

For more information on how to prepare [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)



Alerts – Sign up!

- Emergency Alert System (EAS) - Nationwide public warning system
- California State Warning Center
- Mendocino County Citizen Alert Notification System (MendoAlert)
 - Register all your addresses such as home, work, school or other family members' homes
 - Specific to geographical area
 - <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/office-of-emergency-services/emergency-notifications-and-alerts>
- Nixle - secondary county alert
- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
 - Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) - Response to Wildfire and Extreme Weather Threats
 - https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/outages/alerts/alerts.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_outagealerts
- Fort Bragg PD Alert Center: <https://city.fortbragg.com/list.aspx>
- Fort Bragg Unified School District
- Tsunami Sirens

Most of our communication means are dependent on internet connectivity and cell towers



Communications

- Texting may work when cell phones do not
- Landline versus cell phone
- Call out of state instead of local
- Designate one point person to relay messages
- Consider what alternative communication channels may be available
- Plan for a meeting spot and backup
- Town Hall will be the City's communication hub, especially in a power or internet outage



Shelter in place – be prepared for at least one week

- Food and water (don't forget pets)
- Equipment: flashlights, batteries, mobile phone & charger
- Health & personal supplies: medication and eyeglasses, first-aid kit, blankets or sleeping bag, gloves, cash & credit cards, important documents, contact information
- Know where to shut off water and propane
- Grills and camp stoves can be used to cook but outside only
- Check with and on neighbors
- Keep vehicle's gas tanks full - access to radio and electricity if power is out
- Special medical equipment - plan for alternative power source
- Clear perimeter - at least 10 feet



Evacuation

- Do not wait
- Be ready with To-Go Bag Packed and/or supplies already in your car
- Shut windows and doors. Turn off gas and pilot lights.
- Plan for pets and all family members
- Keep gas tanks full or close to full
- Know your routes and your alternatives
- Activities and distractions for kids
- Do a head count



Resources

- Plan Ahead for Disasters - ready.gov
- Cal OES - caloes.ca.gov
- Cal Fire - Readyforwildfire.org & Wildfire Mobile App
- Mendocino County OES - mendocinocounty.org
- Fort Bragg Police Department - city.fortbragg.com/476/Emergency-Preparedness
- Fort Bragg non-emergency number - (707) 964-0200
- CalTrans - dot.ca.gov
- KOZT FM 95.3 - for information in an emergency
- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown(PSPS) - prepareforpowerdown.com



Take away from this evening

- Sign up for alerts
- Prioritize your planning
 - Most likely events
 - Special needs or concerns
 - What can you afford?
 - Talk to your family and plan together
- If you can, get involved in CERT, Neighborhood Watch, your neighborhood, take CPR or first aid classes, learn resiliency skills training, volunteer for Fire Department, American Red Cross etc.
- Governments including Local, County, State and Federal cannot meet all the needs of a community, we must individually and together help ourselves and our community
- Provide us feedback

