

ESP FOCUS

Inventory Resources



Identifying Resources Now Will Help Your Team Prepare to Respond

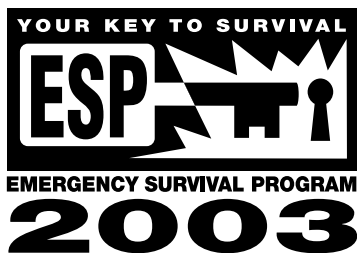
The January 2003 ESP Focus Sheet described how some recent floods, fires and earthquakes in Southern California have affected families and neighborhoods, businesses and schools.

In California, local government is the first to respond to emergencies. Additional personnel and equipment from neighboring cities and the counties may be available to assist your city or county if it needs additional firefighters, law enforcement personnel and other assistance.

After a damaging flood, fire, earthquake or other emergency, individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and schools might be on their own for at least 72 hours.

Your safety and that of your neighbors, children and co-workers may depend on how well the response teams in your neighborhood, workplace or children's school identify and use available resources.

The reverse side of this ESP Focus sheet provides tips on resources that response teams serving these groups can use before an emergency to increase preparedness. Future ESP focus sheets will provide additional information to help your community become better prepared.



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Planning

After a damaging flood, fire, earthquake or other emergency, individuals, families, neighborhoods, businesses and schools should be prepared to conduct the following activities for at least 72 hours:

- Provide food and water to those who don't have or can't access their own emergency supplies
- Provide basic first aid to those who are injured
- Conduct light search and rescue operations to locate and remove those who are trapped
- Assess obvious external damage to buildings and report information to local officials

- Listen to the radio for safety information from government officials
- Establish communications via Citizen Band radios, HAM radios, etc.

Members of your Planning Committee should review the questionnaires completed at the organizing meeting to identify people who can help in planning for and responding to emergencies. The table below lists persons who might be key resources.

Position	Family	Neighborhood	Business	School
Team Leader/ Block Captain	Head of household	Neighborhood leader	Owner	Principal
Training Leader	Parent	Teacher	Training Officer	Assistant Principal
Supplies/Resources Leader	As applicable	Retired military person	Inventory Chief or Accountant	Faculty or staff member
Hazard Reduction Leader	As applicable	Architect, Engineer, Contractor	Risk Manager, Safety Officer, Facility Manager	Risk Manager, Safety Officer, Facility Manager
First Aid Leader	As applicable	Retired doctor, Retired nurse	Health Officer, Nurse	Doctor, Nurse
Personnel Leader	As applicable	Human Resource Coordinator	Human Resource Coordinator	Secretary
Light Search and Rescue Leader	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable

Resources

Local fire, law enforcement, medical services and other personnel might be overwhelmed and unable to assist you after a damaging flood, fire, earthquake or other emergency, but they can help you prepare ahead of time to be self-sufficient. The American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies also can provide information about individual, family, neighborhood, business and school preparedness. Before the next emergency, contact these organizations about publications and videos that will help you prepare.

You also can ask these agencies about speakers and training on disaster preparedness and response. Involve experts from these organizations in any planning, training and exercises in which you are involved. Their observations and input will help improve your preparedness for response to an emergency. Addresses and phone numbers for these agencies and organizations are available in the white pages of your telephone directory.

In addition, the following agencies offer information through their web sites on the World Wide Web:

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
www.oes.ca.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
www.fema.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Los Angeles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
www.cert-la.com



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