

Pasco 3rd Ward Emergency Plans

Emergencies that could occur in our ward include severe wind storms, ice storms, firestorms, dam break, river flooding, biological/ chemical/ radiological release, pandemic, economic disruption, transportation strikes, power outages, and civil unrest.. A variety of responses will be demanded depending on the type of emergency we are experiencing. Evacuation may be called for, demanding that members have portable kits to address needs for three days to two weeks. In the case that the surrounding areas must evacuate but we do not, we may be called upon to serve evacuee needs, requiring us to have stores to draw upon. Sheltering in place in the home or out of the home may also be required. In both cases, supplies in the home will be vital. Ward leaders should determine how they would teach emergency preparedness to members and report annually to the high councilor assigned to the ward.

RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY EMERGENCIES

Responsibilities of the ward welfare committee

After ensuring that their families are cared for, the ward welfare committee should convene to:

- Review any instructions or counsel from civil authorities and the stake presidency.
- Make an initial assessment of the condition of members and others.
- Determine what help to offer the ward and community.
- Confirm overall responsibilities, making sure that the Bishop and others, as he directs, are available to minister to the people and that others, as assigned, focus on the physical arrangements needed at the time.
- Set the time and method for follow-up communications.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Goal: **Every Member Contacted**

Home teachers are to contact all the people they have stewardship over and to check on their own neighbors.

- 1) Notify members of emergencies,
- 2) Check on needs by phone or physical contact,
- 3) Coordinate first aid needs or evacuation transportation
- 4) Evaluate and coordinate food, water and shelter needs with the Bishopric through an assigned member of the Bishopric
- 5) Notify bishopric of actions and status of all members.

Missionaries must be accounted for.

If telephones are not working, Priesthood holders will be used as messengers to the Bishopric or Stake Presidency.

Goals for a variety of types of responses to community emergencies:

1. Evacuation

Goal: **No Member Left Behind** (Wildfires, Dam Break, Hazardous spill, Chemical, Radiological , Biological release)

Ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before ..., and all the saints with thee. (Zach 14:5)

- a. Possible Routes- Using Rd 68 or Rd 100 to hwy 182, or Court Street to 395, proceeding as officials advise to get out of the area.
- b. Those with extra space coordinate with those who need rides at 1) the field between Shell and Silver Creek Apartments (high ground) or 2) at the intersections of Court St and rd 100 and 3) at Court St and rd 68 if 182 is dangerous. (i.e. Hazardous Material Spill on freeway, or wildfires in the area)

2. Take in Evacuees Goal: **No Member Homeless** (Catastrophic event in nearby area, our area not effected)

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matt 25:35, 40)

a. Using the Church Building as a Shelter

- i. Permission from Stake President
- ii. Division of duties
 1. Bldg maintenance and security- High Priests
 2. Food Prep - Relief Society
 3. Child Care- Primary “*The purpose was to keep these infants and youngsters out of the unsanitary conditions in the flooded homes during the day and allow the parents to concentrate their efforts in cleaning, repairing, and rebuilding.*”
 4. Interior bedding and room arrangements- Elders
 5. Exterior Shelter arrangements- High Priests & Aaronic Priesthood
 6. Family Reunification- Primary & Young Women Presidencies
 7. Leadership Communications (Bishopric/ Exec Secretary)
 8. First Aid/Healthcare- Elders
 9. Sanitation Services-Aaronic Priesthood, Young Women

b. Using member homes for shelters

i. Food- Relief Society

1. Encourage ward members to think of the need to share resources in times of emergency. "A welfare policy of the Church is to have its members store stocks of food for emergencies. In this case virtually all flood victims immediately lost their food storage. However, Church members on the perimeter were able to draw upon their own supplies to assist the families who moved in with them." (Teton Flood)

ii. Clothing- Young Women

iii. Children & Teen services- Primary & Young Women

iv. Communications- Elders & Aaronic Priesthood

v. Health Coordinator- High Priests

3. Stay in place with or without safe shelter

Goal: **All members checked on** (Pandemic, Ice Storm, Flooding, Electrical Outage, Social Unrest, Economical breakdown, Strikes, Natural disaster, Heat wave)

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

- a. Home teachers physically check on assigned families and their neighbors coordinating needs, reporting needs to assigned Bishopric member.
- b. First Aid
- c. Water
- d. Food
- e. Alternate shelter if necessary

Members that may need special attention should be paired up with a family who can care for them. This plan should be reviewed by Welfare leaders in the ward every six months and suggestions made for updating and refining the plan based on current needs.

4. Clean-up after disaster

Goal: **Comforting the Community**

- a. Checking on families
- b. Access needs
- c. Permissions
- d. Tools/ workers
- e. Child Care

For individual family emergencies (unemployment, illness, fire, etc) the Home and Visiting Teaching organization is used to offer welfare aid to those who need it.

All families are encouraged to develop the following plans and supplies as the Spirit guides them:

- 72 hr/ Disaster kits,
- Home fire escape plan,
- First aid kits and knowledge to use the supplies,
- Utility shut off tools and plans, smoke alarms,
- Emergency contacts,
- Family plan in case they are separated,
- Relationships that will allow them know about and to help their vulnerable neighbors.
- Each family should regularly drill for various emergency situations and rotate supplies.

Remember the three schools within our Ward boundaries. We should at very least be aware of their presence and prepared to help if we see the need. Parents need to ask the schools what their plans are for various emergencies.

METHODS

- The doctrine of Self Reliance and the Law of Consecration must be taught to members so that they will understand why they are being asked to prepare themselves, and to prepare them to share resources when they see the need.
- Encourage all members to have a portable emergency kit to sustain them for 72 hours or more. *"Since the [Teton] flood the Church Welfare Department and the Relief Society have jointly recommended that all LDS families create a small emergency supply of goods which could easily be taken with only a moment's notice and which could serve all basic needs for several days if necessary. They also suggested that important family documents be kept together with this supply to prevent their destruction in an emergency."*
- Provide regular trips to the cannery to acquire the supplies necessary for members to sustain their families for one year, or share with others who have been victims of disasters. Community agricultural resources can also be sought after. Find resources for needed materials.
- Training for what to do in a pandemic will be needed for all adult members.
- Opportunities to teach members to prepare for emergencies include Sacrament meeting talks, Priesthood quorum and Relief Society joint meetings, 1st week lessons, home and visiting teaching messages, Young Men and Young Women meetings and activities, Firesides, Ward Surveys, First Aid training, CERT training, Relief Society Groups, etc.

Attach lists

1. • Ward list and map.
2. • Members assigned to assist those with special needs
3. • Members with special skills or equipment

If the bishop is not available when an emergency occurs, his counselors will direct response efforts. (The bishop should determine who will direct response efforts in case no member of the bishopric is available.) The bishop should determine the appropriate source of these selected services, either at the time of the emergency or in advance.

Priority of actions in an emergency

1. Account for all ward members.
2. Assess needs of Ward.
3. Assist those who are injured or in danger.
4. Report to the Stake presidency.
5. Arrange for services as necessary.

Selected services

The ward may provide selected services to assist members, including:

- First aid, medical assistance
- Temporary housing
- Sanitation
- Food preparation
- Comfort
- Recreation

Local Contacts

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