

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Neighborhood Disaster Readiness – Map Your Neighborhood

GOALS OF THIS MEETING: ① TO ASSESS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S STRENGTHS AND NEEDS FOR RESPONDING TO DISASTER; ② TO PREPARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S DISASTER PLAN

Time Required: 1-3 hours

- Map Your Neighborhood Video: Running Time – 1 hour
- Exercise: 1-2 hours

Minimum # of Households Required: 50% of Neighborhood Watch Group
If your group consists of less than 10 households, consider inviting an adjacent group

Pre-Meeting Preparation:

- Select a meeting room where the video can be played; provide adequate seating and writing surfaces
- Preview the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) video and workbook
- Ask neighbors to prepare an inventory of skills and household items that could be used in an emergency (see MYN workbook, "Neighborhood Skills and Equipment Inventory")
- Scan your neighborhood to identify a potential Neighborhood Gathering Site
- Print out a map of your neighborhood, including adjacent streets

Day of Meeting:

- Introductions – Who's who, addresses
- Play the MYN video and follow the instructions
- Fill in the MYN workbook

Post-Meeting:

- Share information and outcome with the group, including those who could not attend
- Schedule a neighborhood disaster drill
- Check out the Alameda County Fire Department's website for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs: www.acgov.org/fire
- Plan to meet at least once a year to update your MYN workbook

*Please note: as part of this project, you will be collecting sensitive information about your neighbors which should be carefully guarded. Please refrain from distributing or publishing such information.

Things You Will Need

1. *Map Your Neighborhood video via DVD or internet: www.youtube.com (Search "Map Your Neighborhood," select CERT, and choose Video 1)*
2. *Map Your Neighborhood workbook*
3. *Neighborhood Map*
4. *Pens, markers, highlighters, notepad*