

Ward Emergency Plan Greenfield 4th Ward

Introduction

The Bishop and Ward Council are responsible for seeing that a ward emergency plan is prepared, explained, implemented and kept current. This is not a new program or a new push on the part of the Brethren at this time. It is an ongoing responsibility but since we are a relatively new stake and ward we have been without a written and coordinated plan since we started as a ward and the stake is now asking all wards to get an "Emergency Plan" in place. This "Plan" is formulated using the *Ward and Stake Emergency Plan Guidelines* ¹ to help the ward council develop a plan for the specific needs of a ward.

This "Plan" is designed to help members of a ward and the ward council and bishopric prepare for and respond to emergencies. "Small-scale emergencies will often be addressed in wards and stakes. Large-scale emergencies may require action at the coordinating council level. In rare circumstances, an event may involve more than one coordinating council, and a member of the Presidency of the Seventy will assign an Area Seventy to direct the Church's response"².

Summary

This Ward Emergency Plan is designed to help the Greenfield 4th Ward prepare for and respond to emergencies effecting individual families in our ward and/or emergencies or difficulties effecting the ward, stake, city, state or nation as a whole. The "Plan" is organized into the following four categories:³

1. **Preparation:** Prepare in advance to lessen the impact of disasters and improve response and recovery efforts.
2. **Response:** Address the short-term, direct effects of a disaster.
3. **Recovery:** Help address the long-term needs in the ward or family.
4. **Mitigation:** Reduce or eliminate future risks from similar incidents by reviewing lessons learned.

Preparation

"Emergencies can happen anywhere at anytime. In most cases, there is little we can do to stop them from happening. However, through thoughtful preparation we can limit the damage and disruption they will have on individual lives and communities".⁴

For Individuals and Families

All agencies that have been involved with disaster relief seem to agree that the first 72 hours after a disaster strikes is critical **and if** individual families are prepared ahead of time to flexibly handle the first 72 hours of any emergency it would save lives, lessen the trauma of difficult events and increase the effectiveness of disaster relief efforts. This preparation includes being prepared to evacuate or to shelter at home with limited or no services depending on the situation at the time of the disruption.

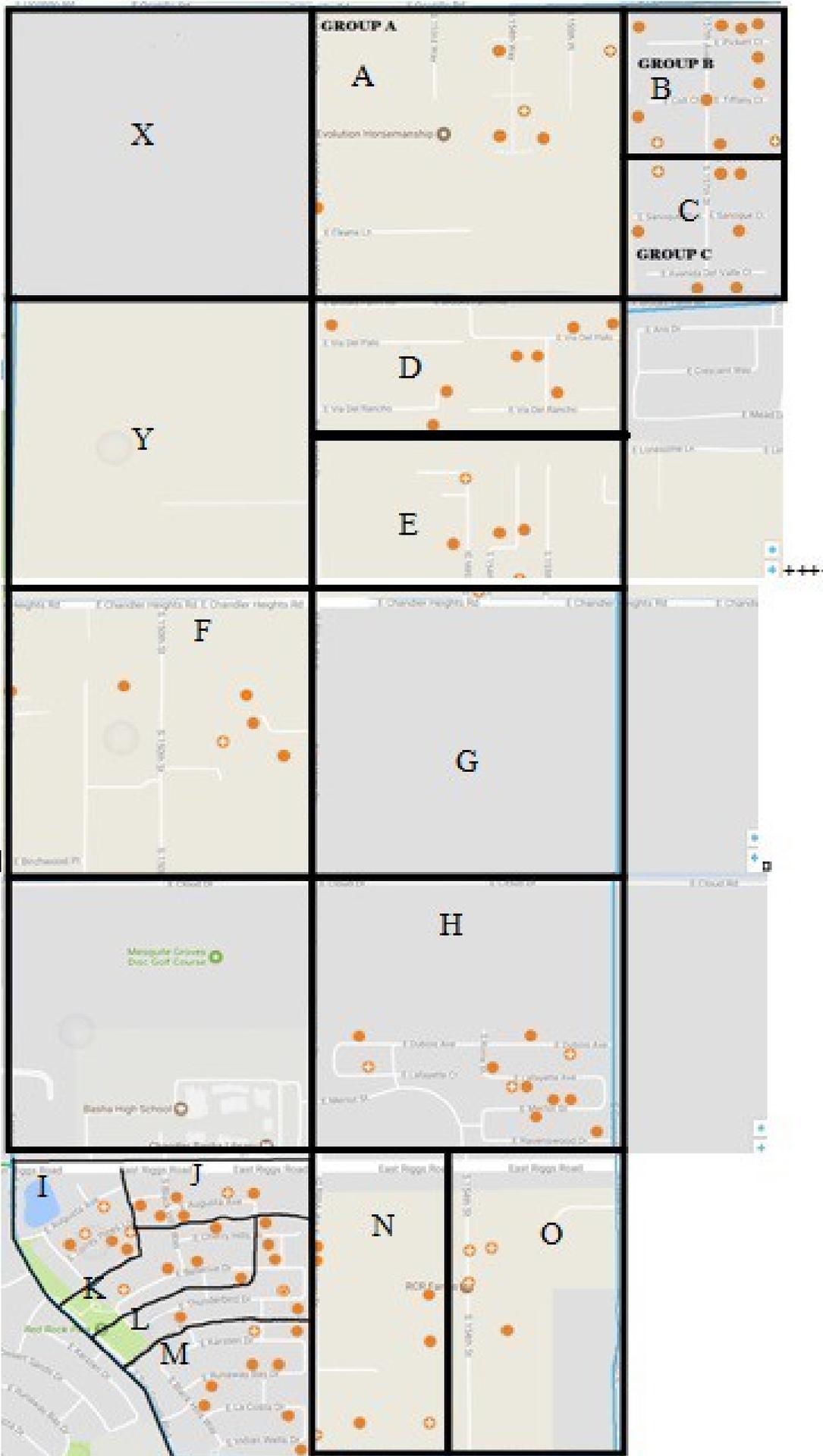
Individual and Family Preparation ⁵ Each Family Should Have:

- A Family emergency plan,⁶
- Emergency kits,⁷ (72 hour, car, in-home, first aid and others as needed)
- Three month and longer-term food supplies ⁸
- Financial preparedness, including insurance ⁹
- Personal and family safety (Fire extinguisher and smoke detectors, utility shut-off skills, etc.)

Prayerfully consider the information contained here, and other information you have about emergency preparation, and seek guidance from the Spirit as to what you and your family can do to be better prepared for whatever life has in store for you and for us as a ward, stake and church. The endnotes have some links to additional resources. There are also links at www.darvic.net/prepared4 to LDS.org, RedCross, Ready.gov, Maracopa County and other helpful resources and a few how-to-videos. (How to shut off the gas, electricity, and water and how to use the water in your hot water heater in an emergency.)

Ward Preparation as it impacts you and your family ¹⁰

- **Step 1:** Identify Likely Disasters
- **Step 2:** Gather Critical Information
 - As Part of this we have divided the ward into 17 “Blocks” and assigned Block Captains. See Map and Captains on the next page of this handout.
 - The block captains will hand out a survey form to each head of household. Please fill these out and hand them back in to your block captain during our meeting today. If you cannot get it done during this meeting, he will be checking with you at a later date. We need this information to expand our “Gathering of Critical Information”. You can also turn it in directly to a member of the Bishopric.
- **Step 3:** Outline Assignments and Procedures - We are in the process of completing this step and will continue with this step into the future..
 - Current Directions to Greenfield 4th Ward Families are:
 - 1. Take care of your family first.
 - 2. Follow the instructions of government leaders for evacuations and other emergency orders. (you should have an emergency radio in your emergency kit).
 - 3. Assess the impact of the disaster, and report your assessment to your block captain if this is a larger scale emergency or to your ministering brothers if this is an emergency that just involves you or a few others. Be prepared to get information from them if there are directions from the Bishop or Stake President
What you should reports includes:
 - Are all members of your family accounted for and are they safe? If no, how many are missing and where were they when you last knew their location?
 - How many are injured in your family? What kind of medical help do you need?
 - Are there any deaths in your family? How many?
 - Is your home damaged or destroyed and what are your current immediate needs? How are your neighbors?.
 - 4. Respond to needs (especially people with special needs and first responders in the community).
 - Assist your neighbors with immediate needs where possible and inform block captains or ministering brethren of additional needs.
 - 5. Communication to you from the Ward will come through regular channels if they are still working, including, texts, and posts on the Social Media Sites or through your block captains. If the emergency is large and there is need for more resources than our ward can handle the Stake President will make decisions about what will be done next and that information will be relayed to you by the above means.
- **Step 4:** Identify Emergency Communication Methods
- **Step 5:** Encourage Member Preparation



- Captains**
- X** = None Expansion
 - A** = James Harris
 - B** = T Clegg, P Brenchley
 - C** = R Miller, D Rosenhan
 - Y** = None Expansion
 - D** = Scott Simons, John Johnson
 - E** = Lyle Harper
 - F** = Kevin Clark
 - G** - None Expansion
 - H** = Jon DeVries, Justin Strong, JT Gillespie
 - I** = Davin Crow,
 - J** = Matt Bailey, Todd Farmer, will also help in K
 - K** = No Captain at this time use Block J captains
 - L** = Darwin Stull
 - M** = James Fillmore, Tracy Sibley, Andrew Wamsley
 - N** = Keith Burton
 - O** - Captains = Jason Gaylord, Mark Harper

Endnotes

1. Guidelines in PDF format here: <https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/welfare/stake-ward-emergency-planning-guide-eng.pdf?lang=eng>
2. This quote can be found on the following page. <https://providentliving.lds.org/leader/emergency-preparedness-and-response/area-planning-guide/introduction?lang=eng>
3. These categories are taken from the Area Emergency Plan for the United States and Canada and generally recognized parts of standard operations for emergency management
4. Copied from the Area Emergency Plan for the United States and Canada <https://providentliving.lds.org/leader/emergency-preparedness-and-response/area-planning-guide/preparation?lang=eng>
5. Copied and expanded from Area Emergency Plan for the United States and Canada
6. There are multiple ways to make a plan: The RedCross has one at: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan> Or you can look on our new website for guidance at: <http://www.darvic.net/prepared4/stepbystep/>
7. There are multiple ways to prepare a 72 hour kit. You can see several ways at: <http://www.darvic.net/prepared4/stepbystep/>
8. Guidelines for a short-term (3 mo) and Long Term Storage can be found here: <https://www.lds.org/topics/food-storage?lang=eng>
9. Guidelines for financial preparation can be found here: <https://www.lds.org/topics/family-finances?lang=eng>
10. From the Ward and Stake Emergency Planning Guidelines found at: <https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/welfare/stake-ward-emergency-planning-guide-eng.pdf?lang=eng>