The City of Rolling Hills COMMUNITY DISASTER DRILL

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FROM 5PM TO 7PM

A FIRE THAT RESULTS IN EVACUATIONS.

Much has been published about disaster preparedness. Information about emergency supplies (e.g., water, shoes, flashlight, hard hat, medications, food, batteries, radios, etc.), personal response plans (e.g., having an out-of-state telephone number for a contact, never having less than ½ tank of gas, etc.), large animal rescue and, assisting in a disaster response (e.g., becoming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and/or Disaster Communication Service (DCS) member) can be obtained from numerous organizations and websites including www.Rolling-Hills.org (City of Rolling Hills under "Government/Fire and Emergency Preparedness"¹) and your Block Captain². Preparation for a disaster is akin to having an insurance policy; you never want to use it but having it will ease the impact for you and your family.

In a disaster, residents will be on their own until support organizations such as the Red Cross are available for providing food and shelter. Basic assistance, depending on the magnitude and scope of the disaster, is not likely to be available for at least 72 hours (3 days) and, it could take over a week. In the initial phases of a disaster, while residents are managing their personal



situations, City workers, Rolling Hills Community Association (RHCA) staff and volunteers will be completely occupied with the emergency response. Our focus will be on damage assessment, assessing the situation, coordinating with first responders, and re-establishing city services. One of the major components of these efforts will be the collection and dissemination of information to first responders, support organizations and residents. This "disaster communication" role is integral to the city's emergency response role and one of the most difficult. As such, the city will be conducting a "disaster communications" training exercise on November 8th from 5pm to 7pm involving the city and RHCA staff, Emergency Operations Center volunteers and Block Captains.

Communications" for disaster response is similar to the children's game of "telephone" in that often, the message at the end of the line is somewhat different than how it started in the front of the line. In a disaster, information conveyed from the field can frequently morph as it is relayed to the Emergency Operations Center, residents and the media simply because information is being communicated simultaneously from a variety of sources who, for example, may not be familiar with the area. Moreover, "communications" in a disaster are complicated by the fact that telephone, electrical lines (e.g., for televisions) and cell (phone) sites may not be operational, key individuals may not be accessible and/or unable to respond and, it is impossible to know the location of the public within the community in order to contact them.

Taking all this into account, much has been established to facilitate communications in a disaster. First and foremost, the city is divided into 24 basic zones with, in many cases, 2 Block Captains. After taking care of themselves and their family and getting out of harms way, the Block Captains serve as eyes and ears in a disaster to convey information among emergency responders and residents. Many have walkie-talkie radios to communicate with Lead Block Captains who serve as conduits to the Emergency Operations Center. The city also has an Emergency Notification System to communicate emergency information to residents³. Other means of communication include the city's website and "Breaking News4" list serve, and the posting of messages on bulletin boards at locations throughout the city (locations will be established as appropriate, away from the epicenter of the disaster). Depending on the availability of outside resources, the city may receive assistance from Disaster Communication Services (DCS) volunteers who operate ham-radios. And finally, it may be necessary to use the roadways and trails to physically deliver messages.

On Thursday, November 8th from 5pm to 7pm, the disaster communications drill is going to engage many of the aforementioned modes of communication to practice and evaluate their effectiveness. The scenario of the drill will be a fire that results in evacuations. The Emergency Notification System will be employed and all messages will be prefaced and concluded with "this is only a test." In the meantime, Block Captains will be engaged to simulate informing residents, assessing their immediate area and communicating to Lead Block Captains. And, a mock bulletin board will be established as a site for posting information.

The disaster communications drill represents the city's, RHCA's and Block Captain's on-going efforts to be prepared for a major

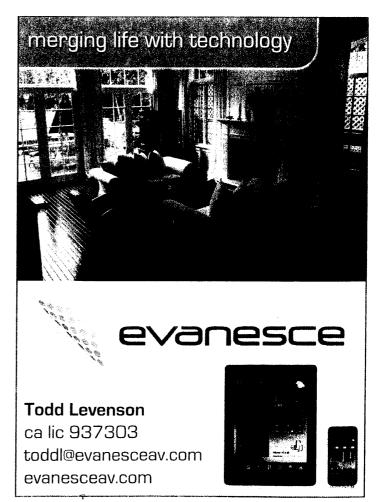
event. Residents can participate by taking this time to prepare (or inventory) personal emergency supplies, review with family members your response plan, meet with your Block Captain and review your plan for large animals.

Having you and your family's emergency plans in place is critical for personally managing your situation and a successful recovery from a disaster.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call City Hall at 310.377.1521.

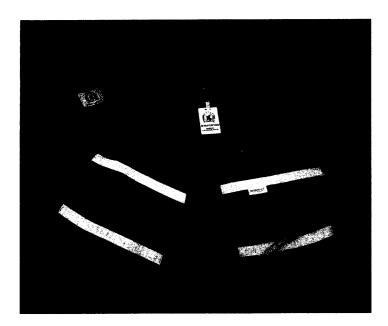
Footnotes:

- 1. The website also includes information about landscaping for fire prevention and safety.
- 2. Please call the city for information to contact your Block Captain.
- 3. To be notified through the Emergency Notification System, residents must register (free of charge) and provide the city with designated contact numbers. The system will call cell phones and landlines, text and email messages. To register, visit the City's website (www.Rolling-Hills.org) and click on "Emergency Notification" on the left side of the homepage.
- 4. To sign up for "Breaking News," please visit the city's website at www.Rolling-Hills. org and click on "Government" on the top of the page and "Notify Me" from the menu.



Disaster Preparedness Zones, Subzones & **BLOCK CAPTAINS**

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ZONE	SUBZONE + ADDRESSES	BLOCK CAPTAIN(S)
1	1a Chestnut Ln; 1-10 Johns Cyn Rd; Storm Hill Lane	None
	1b 11-17 Johns Cyn Rd; Morgan Lane	None
	2a 1-15 Crest Rd. West	Helen Frykman
2	2b 25-45 Crest Rd. West	None
3	3a 1-12 Buggy Whip	Nadine Bobit
	3b 13-End Buggy Whip	Karen Hutchison
	4a Possum Ridge Road	None
4	4b Quail Ridge Road South	Diane Montalto
	4c Quail Ridge Road North	None
5	5a 2-10 Cinchring & Spur Lane	Leah Mirsch
	5b 11-26 Cinchring	Maureen & Frank Hill
6	6a 51-63 Portuguese Bend Rd, Ranchero, Wrangler	John Mackenbach
	6b 65-End Portuguese Bend Rd., Pinto, Running Brand	Charlie Raine
7	7a 31 Portuguese Bend Rd., Upper Blackwater Cyn., Appa- loosa, Sagebrush Lanes	David Breiholz
	7b 30-44 Portuguese Bend Rd., Wagon Lane	Arlene Honbo Rae Walker
8	8a 21-29 Portuguese Bend Rd., Pheasant Lane	None
	8b Pine Tree Lane	Guido Reidyk (Sophie)

	9a 4-9 Portuguese Bend Rd., Aca-	Sally & Ed Swart
9	cia Road & Lane; Meadowlark 9b 11-20 Portuguese Bend Rd., Eucalyptus	None
4.0	10a Lower Blackwater Cyn Rd.	Jeanette Ruzic (Vukan)
10	10b Williamsburg Lane	Scott Holt
	11a Middleridge Lane South	Ralph Schmoller
11	11b Middleridge Lane North	Megan Tilles Alexa Dellovade
	12a 0-38 Saddleback	Dr. Ralph Black
12	12b 42-52 Saddleback, Hillside Ln	Dinny Lesser
	13a 54-68 Saddleback	Daniel Shrader (Debra)
13	13b 71-76 Saddleback (No 75), Roadrunner	None
	13c 75, 77-100 Saddleback	None
14	Poppy Trail	Dr. Ron Sommer
	15a 1-10 Georgeff, Buckboard	Kay Lupo
15	15b 11-20 Georgeff, El Concho	None
	15c 22-27 Georgeff, Reata Lane	Dorothy Vinter Clint Patterson
	16a 1-35 Crest Road East	Debi Fournier Michael Sherman
16	16b Flying Mane Road & Lane; 1-3 Southfield, 38 Crest Road East	Marcia Gold Michelle Mottola Julie Bellagamba
	16c 51-92 Crest Road East	None
	17a 7-10 Southfield; Ringbit East, Ringbit West	Marlen Uhl Vickey Dembrowski Clarisse Shumaker
17	17b 12, 14, 16, 18 Southfield, Packsaddle West	Nancy Hoffman
	17c 11,13,15,17,19 Southfield, Packsaddle East	None

18	18a 1-11 Caballeros, Maverick	V'etta Virtue
	Lane	Pam Crane
	18b 12-22 Caballeros	Kathleen Hughes
		Bethencourt
	18c 23-32 Caballeros	None
	19a Hackamore + 55-63, 65-67 &	Janet Wolfenden
10	69 & 71 Eastfield	Bob Wolfenden
	19b Open Brand + 68, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81 Eastfield	None
19	19c Wideloop + 72, 74, 76, 85, 87	Tracey Yoshida
	Eastfield	Ms. Wayne Sharp
		Rob Brockway
		(Jenifer)
20	36-54 Eastfield Drive	Jason Fogle (Cindy)
21	21a Bowie, 1-6 Chuckwagon	Penni & Ross Smith Yc & Rita Hsu
	21b 7-30 Chuckwagon	None
	21c 29-44 Chuckwagon, Chester- field	Donovan Black Gale Swartz
22	22a 20-35 Eastfield	Teri & Mike Baumann
	22b Outrider Road	Judith Haenel Marion Ruth
23	23a 10, 12, 15, 16-19 Eastfield, Roundup Rd	None
	23b 0-9, 11, 13 Eastfield, Hum- mingbird Lane	Bill Ruth
24	Homes Located Between 2720- 2960 Palos Verdes Drive North	Dr. Gian Starinieri

