

Block Captain Activation

Block Captain Activation shall take place after a catastrophic event, such as earthquake or tsunami, where there is **MAJOR DAMAGE and normal communications (i.e., Landline, Cellphone and 911) have ceased to operate or are overwhelmed.**

- a. Shelter in place and check cellphone for Nixle text messages, PUD Outage Map, Facebook, Twitter and KPTZ radio (91.9 FM) until own house and occupants are safe and storm/event has subsided.
- b. Survey the neighborhood recording **Situation Report levels** and signs of major damage/road blockage/power lines down. If event takes place at night, consider delaying the survey until daybreak for safety reasons.
- c. Check by phone or very carefully in person with neighbors with known vulnerabilities, note any HELP sign on houses or those with major damage and record for report to Comm Center.
- d. Activate Neighborhood Emergency HUB.
- d. Arrange for assistance for any neighbors needing help, if possible.
- e. Turn on FRS/GMRS radio to **Channel 6 for South Bay** and **Channel 7 for North Bay** to respond to roll call. It is anticipated that the roll call would be three (3) hours after the event or 9 am if the event was during the night.
- f. Coordinate turning off critical utilities (water, electric and propane).

Inconvenient Event. If a power outage takes place, but normal communications (landline, cellphone, internet and 911) are still functioning, the situation is considered inconvenient, and Activation is not required. For an inconvenient event, normal neighbor-to-neighbor check-ins are recommended.

- a. Check cellphone for Nixle text messages, PUD website, Facebook, Twitter and KPTZ radio (91.9 FM) so you are an information resource for your neighbors.
- b. When safe to do so check on neighbors with known vulnerabilities.
- c. Arrange for assistance for any neighbors needing help, if possible.

If the power outage lasts for over 48 hours and communications start to fail, the event then becomes catastrophic (see above).