

Block Captain Activation

Catastrophic Event

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 Information (Map on PUD website, Facebook, Twitter) and broader area info on **KPTZ radio (91.9 FM) and KROH (91.1 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 the 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 signs on houses or those with major damage and record for response to Communication Center roll call polls.
- d. Activate neighborhood Block Hub, if established.
- e. Arrange for assistance for any neighbors needing help, if possible.
- f. 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 commences or at 9 am if the event was during the night.
- g. 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,” full Activation is not required, but Limited Activation as outlined below shall take place.

- a. Check cellphone for Nixle text messages and PUD status (website, Facebook and Twitter) and broader area info from KPTZ radio (91.9 FM) and KROH (91.1 FM).
- b. Check on neighbors with known vulnerabilities and assist if safe to do so.
- c. While outage is continuing, at 9 am each morning, turn on FRS Radio to Channel 6, and respond to poll from Communication Center. (Note Channel 7 will not be used.)

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