

Centerville City
Office of Emergency Management

Dear Residents,

Recent events in our country and around the world cause us to ask whether we are prepared as individuals and a community to respond and recover from disaster. To help our citizens be more prepared, the City newsletters in 2006 included an insert with information to help you get more prepared and familiarize you with the City's emergency operations plan. We encourage you to save those inserts as part of your disaster supply kit.

Each emergency information sheet contained important information and residents are asked to keep these sheets in a handy location in your home so that in the event of an emergency you can use one to identify if your home needs assistance. If a disaster occurs, place the appropriate colored sheet on your front door so it can be seen from the street. This will allow response teams to gather information quickly so that resources can be prioritized. The color on your door will indicate the following:

GREEN – All is well. No problems.

YELLOW – We need some help. Minor injuries, damage, etc.

RED – Major problems, damage or serious injuries that require assistance.

Citizen Involvement in Centerville's Emergency Management Program

The Neighborhood Network

The City has been divided into districts and areas for emergency management purposes. Each district and area has an assigned representative who serves as a volunteer of the City. These representatives are the link between City officials and local residents during an emergency. City officials will contact district representatives with important information regarding the disaster. The district representatives will then contact the area representatives in their districts with the same information. Some areas have even been subdivided into blocks with block captains. The process works the same for getting information back to City officials regarding damage or other needs. Each district has been given radio equipment for communication with City officials during an emergency.

You can find out which district and area your home is in by visiting the City website (www.centervilleut.net) and using the interactive GIS feature. Locate your property on the map and click the information button. The information window will include your district and area. You should make a note about who the coordinators are in your area and district and how to contact them.

Any citizen may volunteer to serve as a district or area representative or block captain. Citizens who wish to be involved may contact the City Emergency Management Coordinator at 292-8441.

CERT – Community Emergency Response Teams

The CERT training program is a great opportunity to prepare you to help your family and neighbors after a large scale disaster. During the training you will learn about the hazards that face our community, how to perform basic first aid, put out small fires, conduct triage, and to perform light search and rescue. The skills will help you to know what to do and the confidence gained will help you when faced with a disaster situation.

Many citizens have inquired concerning the next available Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course. Through cooperation with the South Davis Metro Fire District, CERT courses are taught by the Fire Fighters. For more information on upcoming classes or to register call 677-2400.

Notifications During an Emergency

When disasters strike there are many different ways that information may be disseminated to the community. One of the new tools that Centerville City has is called City Watch. City Watch is a computerized phone system that allows the City to record an emergency message and sent it to the community via your telephone. The system only has the published, or “listed” phone numbers, so those with private or unlisted numbers will not get these messages. In time we hope to be able to have you add these numbers if you desire.

Other sources of information may be given over the radio on KSL 1160 AM or KSL 102.7 FM. The Neighborhood Network may also be used to send information between citizens and the local officials.

If you have questions regarding the hazards that affect our community or about the City's emergency operations plan, please contact the City's Emergency Management Coordinator at 292-8441. Information is also available on the City website at <http://www.centervilleut.net>