

# **Waluga Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Area/Street Coordinator Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Introductions** proceeded around the table. **Present were:**

Jason Lang & Art Ostergard: Country Woods Ct., Katherine Purtzer & Will Mahoney-Watson: West Quarry and Carman, Ann Chilcote: Heritage Hills, Leslie Lampson: Harvey Way, Jim Newcomer, facilitator: Collins Way, Marcel Rodriguez: Search and Rescue, Portland NET.

**Not present:** Cheryl Uchida, Dick Benedetti, Brad Horton, Virginia Lagow, Steve Allaway, Ron Anderson, Suzanne Causer, Jan Hilderbrand, Terri Fay, Bryant Cayhill

## **Risk, Response and Preparation**

Guest speaker, Marcel Rodriguez, gave an excellent presentation on "Risk, Response and Preparation." Some of the important points discussed were:

- A magnitude 9+ earthquake from the Cascadia Subduction Zone will have the ground shaking 8-10 feet for over 2 minutes.
- Besides earthquakes, other hazards include storms and the I-5 hazmat corridor

So how can we prepare? Mitigate the impact:

- Secure water heaters to wall
- Secure bookcases and other heavy items, especially near beds
- Have a 72-hour kit (2 to 4-week kit is better):
  - Water
  - Food
  - Medicine
  - Flashlights and batteries
  - Radio
- Have an emergency plan and practice it with your family
- Keep cash on hand
- Keep sturdy shoes and bike helmet or hard-hat under your bed

Remember that Portland NET and Lake Oswego CERT teams will try to help within 72 hours of a disaster. But they do not provide food or shelter.

Some good food and cooking items:

- Vegetable seeds such as bean sprouts can provide fresh greens and vitamins
- [Bio-Lite CampStoves](#) can efficiently heat food while recharging your phone

After a disaster, only shut off your gas if you smell gas. Once turned off, it cannot be turned on again except by PGE.

### **Search and Rescue Teams**

- Assess dangerous situations – don't go in collapsed buildings
- Don't become a victim – Many people are hurt in a disaster by trying to help
- *You* are the most important person to protect. The Team is next in importance.
- FEMA has a protocol for marking buildings in a disaster
  - Mark the time you enter a building, then mark the time you exit
  - Announce self! Keep it simple: "Need help?"

Marcel concluded by suggesting that the Neighborhood Associations stock up on sanitary pads and [Vetrap](#) bandaging tape, because they are inexpensive compared to medical gauze pads and bandaging tape.

### **Next meeting agenda items**

The next meeting was not discussed.