

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
15751 Quarry Road

## Meeting attendees:

Steve Allaway, Katherine Purtzer, Leslie Lampson, Will Mahoney-Watson, Ann Chilcote, Chuck Vermillion, Virginia Lagow, Jan Hilderbrand, Art Ostergard, Chris Battista, Jim Newcomer & Cheryl Uchida

Cheryl passed out the remaining two-way radios to those coordinators who did not receive them last year. Everyone reported the serial numbers on each radio assigned to each coordinator.

Steve & Christina Allaway: 12070519(59) and (60)  
Cheryl Uchida & Jim Newcomer: 12040105(53) and (54)  
Leslie Lampson & Rett Russell: 12070519(45) and (46)  
Will Mahoney-Watson & Katherine Purtzer: 12040105(23) and (24)  
Ann Chilcote & Richard Schuman: 12070519(63) and (64)  
Dick Benedetti & Chuck Vermillion: 12070519(61) and (62)  
Virginia Lagow & Terri Fay: 12110819(05) and (06)  
Suzanne Causer & Jan Hilderbrand: 12070572(59) and (60)  
Jason Lang & Art Ostergard: 12040105(57) and (58)  
Chris Battista & Brad Horton : 12040105(09) and (10)

Next we broke up into small groups and had those coordinators who've already had a meeting with their neighbors and those who had not. For those who had their meeting, they needed to share what did you learn from your meeting, how you thought the meeting went and what would you do differently, if anything. In one small group, Steve shared that he was having difficulty in getting his neighbors interested in why it is important to prepare for an emergency and to share personal information for the good of those on Galewood. He is going to start inviting them over to his house for a series of BBQ's just to get to know them better. For Heritage Hills and Harvey Way they were content in not trying to get 100% participation and interest from their neighbors.

Oakridge Park Senior Facility is a shining example of how far an organized emergency preparation plan can go. Because they are unique in having a "captivated audience" it has been much easier to meet with their residents on a regular schedule. Now many of their coordinators and residents have taken the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training classes through the LO Fire Dept. They requested a large map of Waluga Neighborhood. Cheryl will see that they get one. We continue to be interested in the progress they are making in preparing for a disaster. They were scheduled to have a drill soon.

West Quarry Road and Carman Drive co-coordinator, Katherine Purtzer, suggested having the LO Fire dept. have a training on the use of fire extinguishers. It was suggested to invite all neighbors from the other designated areas also. The dates suggested were July 13, 20 or 27 in the evening. After contacting the newly named Fire Marshall, Gert Zoutendilk, he was not able to commit to those dates and suggested a date in August. To date a definite date and time still have to be worked out for a possible training.

Future tentative meetings for the following areas/street neighbors were discussed:

Collins Way July 14, 2013

Trillium Woods July 21, 2013

Country Woods Ct. July 20, 2013 {ed. note: this date was set after this meeting by Jason Lang}

Since the NEP grant for this period ends on June 30, 2013, we discussed whether we should continue meeting as a group through the summer. In the coming two months we will continue to meet once/month to discuss what things we need to do to continue with our emergency preparedness plan for the next grant period from Aug. 2013 through June 2014. Jim and Cheryl will complete and submit the next grant application for this period by June 24, 2013.

Meeting attendees shared that short brief information concerning emergency preparedness should be in the form of news bites that can be shared electronically with neighbors within each area/street who are currently participating. We should also try to use our website for sharing continuous news.

Our next scheduled emergency preparedness meeting for coordinators will be **Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Oakridge Park Senior facility. The time will be tentatively at 7 p.m.**

**Reminder:** Information Sources and Central Communications in LO & two way radio use-June 27, 2013 at WEB.

### **Future meeting topics for area coordinators and/or street/area neighbors**

Water & Food Storage and Safety

Fire Suppression and Home Fire Extinguisher & Utility Info

Pets and Disaster

Preparing for Disasters for People with Disabilities and Other Special Needs

Getting Financially Prepared

Getting trained: First Aid and CPR training

Civil Order

Assist area coordinators as they continue to meet and develop emergency preparedness plans—On going.