

We want you!

Block Preparedness Coordinators



Please consider becoming a Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPCs). To be a good BPC, you mostly just need to be a good neighbor. A block may be 10 to 20 residences, a building complex, a local business corridor or other locales. BPCs establish their Block boundaries based on where they live, while avoiding overlap with other Blocks. BPCs can also recruit Co-BPCs to help them!

This program is about neighbors helping neighbors to be self-sufficient during an emergency. We aim to help bridge the gap between services provided by our local governmental agencies with the kind of informal assistance that a good neighbor could provide.

Longer term, we want to work with the BPCs to help them to *proactively* prepare their Blocks to be ready for other potential disasters.

BPCs Primary Responsibility – During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Introduce yourself to your neighbors via an introduction letter left under door mats. *(Please follow all “social distancing” directives, including frequent hand washing and avoiding touching surfaces with your bare hands):*
- Assist your Block neighbors with non-medical support, as you can;
- Help keep your neighbors informed and connected to important information such as COVID-19 health updates from their local governments; and
- Update your Neighborhood or Area Coordinator periodically as to your efforts.

To begin, please contact one of the below people who will send you a **Getting Started Toolkit**:

- **Atherton** – Tom Prussing @ tprussing@gmail.com
- **East Palo Alto** – Dennis Parker @ wisteria423@yahoo.com
- **Menlo Park and Unincorporated County** -- Lynne Bramlett @ lynne.e.bramlett@gmail.com or 650-380-3028

Your BPC efforts will be part of a broader BPC efforts in one of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District’s Neighborhood Areas at <http://www.menlofirecert.com/neighborhoods>. After determining your Block boundaries, you will be introduced to the other BPCs working in your Area and your assigned Area or Neighborhood contact point for support.

About MPFPD’s Community-based volunteer Organizations

The Fire District is an organization that cares. Under its broader charter of emergency response, the MPFPD sponsors three community-based organizations that help residents to be self-sufficient during a major emergency or disaster: 1) Atherton-based **ADAPT**; 2) East Palo Alto-based **rEPAct**; and 3) Menlo Park and Unincorporated Count-based MPC Ready (working name). Volunteers are working now to help residents to be informed and self-sufficient during the COVID-19 emergency.