



We Want You!

Block Preparedness Coordinators

Please consider becoming a Block Preparedness Coordinator. To be a good Block Preparedness Captain, 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.

The COVID-19 virus has been declared a pandemic by health officials. Your neighbors may need their neighbors to help them get through this current crisis.

This program is about neighbors helping neighbors. Longer-term, Block Preparedness Coordinators help build stronger neighborhoods by helping neighbors to get prepared for -- and during -- a major emergency. We'd like to have at least one Block Preparedness Captain for most blocks/streets within each neighborhood throughout the MP Fire Protection District, as practical.

The Block Preparedness Captains promote **emergency preparation “literacy”** through sharing **information** (particularly neighborhood news and information/education on emergency preparation) and by **assisting neighbors** as part of a volunteer disaster response.

Primary Responsibility – During An Emergency (such as our current situation) is to:

- Introduce yourself to your neighbors via a flyer or letter left on their door mats;
- Follow up to check on the households and/or businesses in your assigned block;
- Assist block members with non-medical support as necessary and as you are able; and
- Keep your Neighborhood (or Area) Coordinator updated. Ask for support if needed.

Will you at least learn more?

We want to provide you with as much help as you need during every step of the set up, organization and ongoing management of your block. To begin, please contact one of the following:

- Scott Barnum @ microbarny@msn.com or 650-224-5671
- Lynne Bramlett @ lynne.e.bramlett@gmail.com or 650-380-3028
- Elizabeth Lewis @ elewis203@gmail.com or 203-952-9981

These individuals can help answer questions, provide perspective on the MPC Ready (working name) effort and help to get you started in organizing your block/neighborhood.

About MPC Ready (working name)

The Menlo Park Fire District sponsors three resident-based disaster preparation and readiness volunteer organizations. **MPC Ready** (working name) is fairly new and it seeks to help prepare all residents of Menlo Park, and the unincorporated County areas served by the MP Fire District, to be prepared for a major disaster. Our regular meetings are the fourth Saturday of each month, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Fire Station #1 – MP Fire District Headquarters (Training Room) at 300 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park.