

Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program



What is the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)?

NEPP is a program to organize and educate communities to increase their level of preparedness to handle all types of emergencies and is designed to engage and mobilize community teams.

Why NEPP?

On any day, a serious disaster could strike. It could be a hurricane, terrorist attack, hazardous materials transportation accident, air transportation accident, etc. It makes sense to invest NOW in preparing for the day that a disaster strikes home. It is important to recognize that city and county emergency services will be busier than usual after a disaster and it may be days before communities receive assistance. The standard wait time is 72-hours, but may be longer after a significant disaster. People may have to rely on themselves and their neighbors for support. It is in this spirit of unity and neighbor-helping-neighbor that communities are encouraged to become involved in preparedness activities. The NEPP has been created to assist communities in becoming more resilient and self sustaining.

Vision: Florida communities and neighborhoods will be prepared, self-sufficient, and resilient to all hazards.

Mission: To support communities and neighborhoods in becoming self-sufficient and self-supporting in times of disaster or local emergencies.

Key Program Steps:

- ◆ Obtain contact information for community leads and submit to the State NEPP Coordinator (SNC)
- ◆ Send electronic copy of a completed MOA for each participating community to SNC
- ◆ Identify members of the community and assess community needs (ie. training, disaster supplies, etc)
- ◆ Train community members
- ◆ Plan for all hazards and develop a Community Emergency Preparedness Plan
- ◆ Train all community members about the plan
- ◆ During the sustainment (second and subsequent) years of program, conduct or participate in “table-top” or other types of exercises to test Community Emergency Preparedness Plan
- ◆ Prepare and submit an After-Action-Report (AAR) during the sustainment years of the program
- ◆ Review the Community Emergency Preparedness Plan and revise annually
- ◆ Review program and plan for sustainability

For more information contact the Florida Bureau of Preparedness and Response at (850) 245-4040.