

Homestead Valley Emergency Response

Resident Responsibilities

Residents should ensure they are prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 - 96 hours in the event of a disaster. In the event of a major disaster it is very possible that all utilities (water, gas, cell phone, and TV and data reception) will be unavailable. Transportation will be interrupted or not possible. Emergency response services (ambulance, fire, police) will be overwhelmed and likely unavailable for 72- 96 hours.

Residents should not expect to get basic supplies from the HVCC.

Residents should be prepared to provide the following for their own needs in the event of a disaster:

- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Protective clothing – warm clothing, rain protection etc.
- Flashlights
- Personal hygiene items and medications
- Pet food and medicines
- Basic first aid supplies
- Gas shut-off wrenches

[www.72 Hours.org](http://www.72hours.org) is an excellent web site for learning what you should do to prepare your home for a disaster. Additionally GETREADY Marin.org offers excellent 2-hour classes how you can prepare your family and home for a disaster.

Homestead Valley will establish a Command Center at the HVCA Community Center. An alternate Command Center location will be Volunteer Park at the corner of Melrose and Evergreen. The purpose of the Command Center is to establish an Incident Command Center which will be a communications point for the community. The Incident Command will receive information from the Southern Marin Fire District, gather information on the urgent needs of the Homestead Valley community and send out information and needs request to the Southern Marin Fire District Incident Command Center. The Incident Command Center team is composed of Homestead residents who are trained in CERT and the incident commands structure. The Homestead Command Center essentially acts a crisis communication center.

The HVCC is NOT an emergency supply center. Residents are expected to provide for themselves in the event of a disaster. If needed, Red Cross has a plan which will establish a Care and Shelter locally in Southern Marin. The specific location will be communicated to the HV Incident Command Center as well as broadcasted on KCBS 740 and KGO 810.

The Homestead Command Center will not be available to act as a shelter.

The Homestead Valley Incident Command will also communicate with other southern Marin Incident Command centers. SMFD will dispatch a HAM operator with radio to assist in communication with the other incident command centers. The SMFD Incident Command Center will also coordinate with the Mill Valley Command Center. This can occur at any point during the activation of the respective Incident Command Centers.

The following sequence of events is expected to occur upon the initiation of a significant disaster:

1. The Homestead Valley Community Center (HVCC) will be established as the Command Center.
2. Residents who are pre-assigned to fulfill roles on the Incident Command Team will go to the HVCC and establish Incident Command
3. Homestead CERT trained residents will automatically arrive at the command center to be deployed once they have ensured their own family and homes are safe.
4. CERT teams will go to each Homestead Valley "Block" and triage the areas with the assistance of the Block Captains.
5. The CERT teams will bring back information from the "Blocks" to Incident Command so that the overall needs of the Community can be documented assessed, prioritized and a response plan can be employed.
6. Medical needs and other urgent needs will be communicated to SMFD Incident Command so that proper resources can be dispatched.
7. There will be continued information flow to and from the community SMFD Incident Command and others until the community and systems are stable.
8. The incident Command structure will remain active until the Incident Commander and SMFD Incident Command has determined that systems and the community are stable.