

“MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD” LEADERS MATERIAL

Steps to insure a successful meeting.

Personally watch the entire DVD and follow in the handout to familiarize your self with the flow of the meeting. *(Need DVD player & TV)*

Prepare your own Neighborhood Map.

Contact people in your neighborhood and explain the program.

Establish a time and place for your meeting.

Notify your neighbors about the meeting schedule.

Hold the meeting using the DVD to lead the discussion. *(It will probably last an hour plus)*

Schedule a dry-run through the neighborhood to familiarize everyone with each of the homes. *(gas meters, possible encounters with pets, etc)*

Finally, after your meeting please fill out the “MYN Map Your Neighborhood Program Evaluation” and return it along with a copy of your neighborhood map and the DVD to City Hall in the envelope provided.

To obtain the Brochures you will need for your neighbors and/or if you have any questions, please contact Grant Oakes at: grantoakes@gmail.com

Thank you for making yourself available to help make you neighborhood a safer place to be the event of a disaster.

Contents:

- Meeting DVD
- MYN Brochure
- Leader's evaluation response form
- Sample Map
- Meeting Reminder
- MYN FAQ's
- Return envelope

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MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BENEFITS

In the event of a disaster

You have a plan that puts everybody on the same page.

You share responsibilities so you get to do what you do best.

You share resources so you don't have to have everything.

Side benefits

You get to know your neighbors better.

**You end up with increased neighborhood safety on
an everyday basis.**

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MYN Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How big should my neighborhood be?

A: We recommend about 10-20 homes. That generally means the homes that you can see from your front yard. When disaster strikes, we tend to respond to those things we can see. For rural neighborhoods with larger properties, we recommend including as many homes as you feel you can comfortably check on in an hour or two. If needed, we would be glad to help you define your "Neighborhood".

Q: What if I live in an apartment or high-rise building?

A: Vertical neighborhoods work very well. In this instance, your whole building is your neighborhood.

Q: What if I live in a condominium complex?

A: If the complex is larger than 20 homes, you might consider dividing it into smaller groups.

Q: Why does the number of houses matter?

A: Because we are organizing and preparing for disaster, we want to keep in mind the dynamics of an effective response. The most effective response occurs in the first hour following disasters. It is called the "golden 60 minutes" because of its value in saving lives, reducing the severity of injury, and reducing property and environmental damage. If a group is too large or the geography is cumbersome, it becomes difficult to complete an effective response in that first hour.

Q: How do I determine who to invite to my meeting?

A: Our goal is to be prepared to care for ourselves and for others when fire, medical, police, and utility first responders are inundated with requests for help, severely limiting their ability to get to all who need them in a timely manner. Experience shows that people genuinely want to help each other when these events occur. Imagine a major disaster occurring. Who would you want to help? How far would you naturally extend your reach? That is who you want to include in your group. You also want the size to be manageable which is why we recommend about 10-20 homes.

Q: Why do I need to personally invite my neighbors?

A: Experience is very clear on this one. A personal invitation is what encourages your neighbors to attend. A full house generates lots of enthusiasm and energy. We have included a written reminder to leave with your neighbors to remind them of the date, but to ensure a good turnout, invest the time and extend a personal invitation.

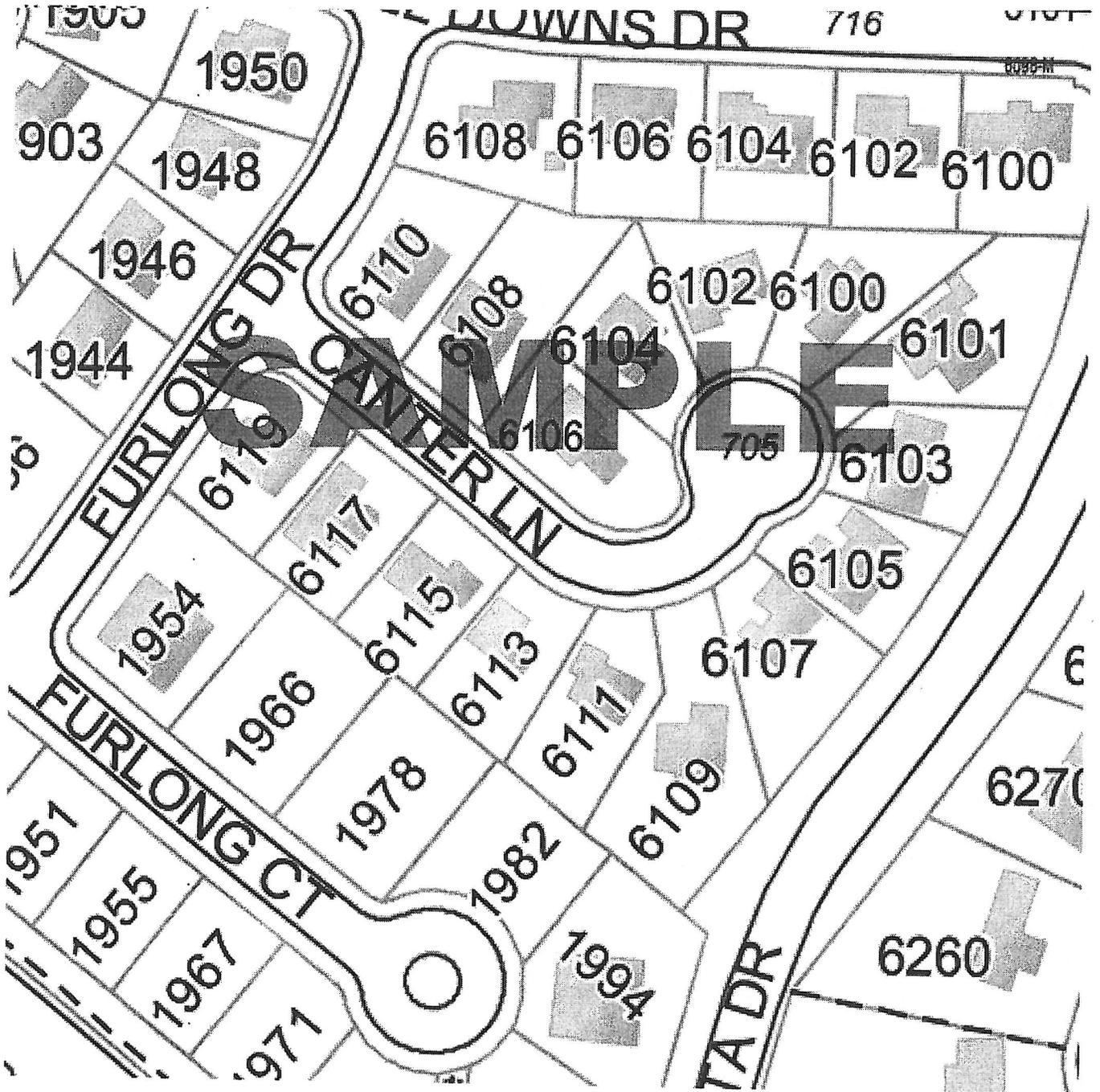
Q: Doesn't it take a lot of time to personally invite everyone?

A: Many large groups have found it beneficial to have two or three neighbors help with inviting. That way it will not take any one person as long. Remember, the time invested in inviting is typically rewarded with a good turnout at the meeting.

Q: No one has a house big enough to hold our whole neighborhood we want to hold the meeting in a school, community building, or church. Is this a good idea?

A: Experience is very clear on this one, too! The answer is generally no. There is a direct correlation between where the meeting is held and the number of neighbors who will attend. Even if the school is in the neighborhood, it creates 'distance.' To maximize your turnout, hold the meeting in someone's home. If people have to sit on the floor, that's okay! The meeting is dynamic enough that most people don't mind. If you are concerned about not having enough chairs, ask people to bring a chair or a pillow to sit on when you invite them.

When you have determined the boundaries of your neighborhood, please contact Grant Oakes (grantoakes@gmail.com) for an appropriate map.





MYN – Map Your Neighborhood Program Evaluation

- 1). I presented the MYN Program on _____ (date) to _____ (number) of neighbors
Leader's name: _____ Neighborhood: _____

Please circle the answers that most closely match your evaluation.

Examples: Yes Somewhat No Yes Somewhat No Yes Somewhat No

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| 2). I have an understanding of the MYN philosophy – that a small amount of preparedness activity done regularly is more effective than a one-time flurry of activity. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 3). I felt comfortable presenting the MYN program. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 4). The MYN Program is organized in a logical and clear manner. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 5). The MYN DVD answered the questions that were asked during the neighborhood meeting. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 6). I felt comfortable presenting the MYN program with the materials I was given. The MYN DVD and Neighborhood Handout were all I needed. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 7). The neighbors at my meeting seemed to easily understand the 9-Steps Immediately After Disaster sequence. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 8). The neighbors at my meeting seemed to recognize the 9-Steps Immediately After Disaster sequence will help them in the first hours of a disaster response. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 9). The neighbors at my meeting were able to easily complete the Skills and Equipment Inventory. | Yes | Somewhat | No |
| 10). The neighbors at my meeting were able use the neighborhood map and plot all the relevant information. | Yes | Somewhat | No |

- 11). Please offer your comments on how the MYN Program could be improved, especially in those areas you evaluated as "No" or "Somewhat".

Thank you for your feedback!

Please return to West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board Attn: Grant Oakes
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