

Building A More Robust Community Through Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

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There are many reasons why we need communities to be prepared for Emergencies & Disasters

- Expedite resources for recovery
- Alleviate fears and concerns about recovery
- Assist with recovery costs
- Engage community in recovery efforts
- XX
- XX
- XX



Disasters come in many sizes, shapes and forms.....and no one organization or community can take it on alone.....so what can we do?



Stories of Success

Canteening for First Responders for a Missing Person

In your community – who would be assisting with this response?



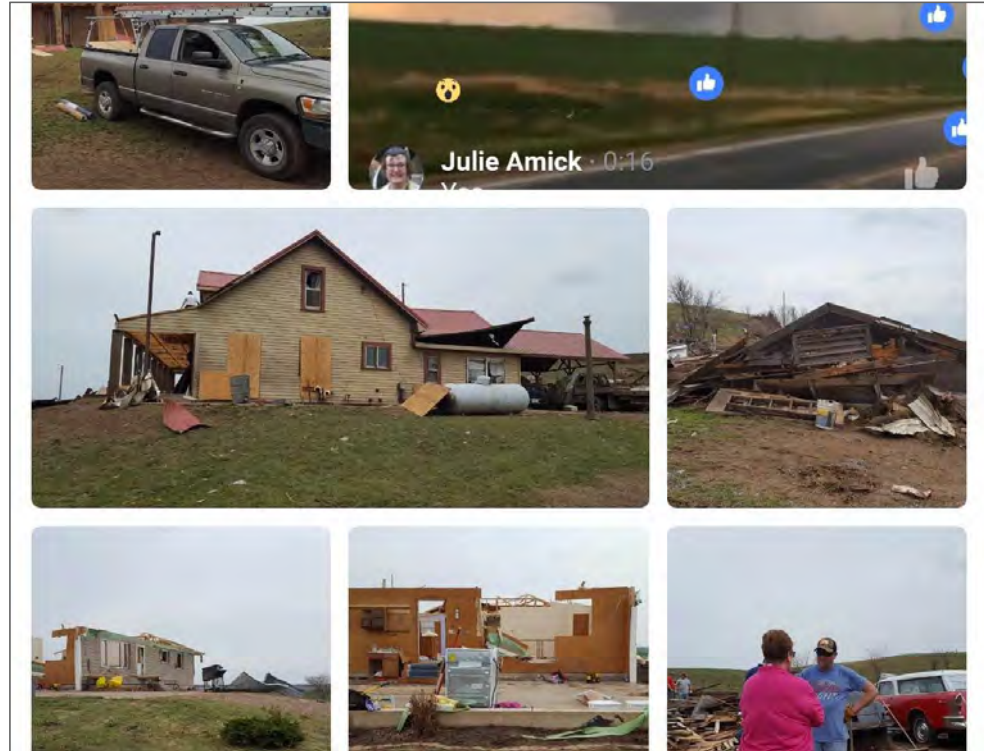
Flood Relief in a Kansas Town

In your community – who would be assisting with this response?



Tornado Relief in a Kansas Town

In your community – who
would be assisting with
this response?



Hurricane Relief in 2018

In your community – who
would be assisting with this
response?



Wildfire Relief in Kansas

In your community – who would be assisting with this response?



Home Fire Relief in Kansas

In your community – who
would be assisting with
this response?



Partnerships in Emergency/Disaster Preparedness!

We've already listed many partners.....

- How do we get those partners involved prior to disasters so we are prepared?
- So Glad You Asked!!

#1 - ASK

It's really that simple – to find like minded partners – you – yes YOU – have to ask!

#2 Offer to train – Youth/Schools



#3 Offer to Train – Community Advocates



#4 Host a Community Event and Invite!



#5 Attend other Community Events



#6 Exhibit often in your community

College Volunteer Fair



Senior Volunteer Fair



ASK - ASK - ASK – ASK – ASK – ASK - ASK

You can't do everything – right?

Prepare

Respond

Recovery

Engage

Well – You Can't – But with the help of Partners – You can do much more than you think!

However – Preparing is only the start!

Appreciate

PREPARE

RESPOND

Response

- First Responders – Fire, Police & EMS
- Emergency Management and City/County Departments
- Disaster Action Team Volunteers
- Other Resources – Neighbors/Clergy/Other Organizations
- State and Federal Partners

RECOVER

Recovery comes in many forms

- Casework
- MARC – Multi Agency Resource Center
- Health Service
- Mental Health Service
- Spiritual Care

ENGAGE

Engaging to serve

- High School Age and Above to install alarms and to host blood drives
- Senior Citizens who man exhibits & installed alarms & deploy to disasters
- Business and Employees to host blood drives, to host & attend trainings, to volunteer & support preparedness events
- Anyone with education experience or a desire to train others to become Instructors!
- Even those who love to work on computers and the phone to be trained to be caseworkers – information & planning during disasters – and can do it remotely!
- If you have an empty chair at the table – there is someone who will fill it – most just don't know that the chair is open and waiting for them!

APPRECIATE

Appreciating just this year.....

- Shelter Locations – Schools/Churches/Community Centers/Businesses
- Pet Response Team
- Fire and Police Departments
- Military Installations
- RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Rotary Response Team
- Salvation Army
- Catholic Charities
- Southern Baptist
- United Methodist Disaster Response
- Fraternities & Sororities
- Other Civic Organizations
- The Public at Large

Resources

- Shelter Fundamental Training – 3 ½ hours and we bring it to you and your community or organization for free!
- MARC – Multi Agency Resource Center Training – 3 ½ hours and we bring it to you and your community
- MOU – Memorandum of Understanding – template
- Thank You & Appreciation Emails – template

In Conclusion -

- Gather Information
- Identify Needs & Gaps that may be filled through partnerships
- Develop a Plan
- Partner Effectively

Fostering formal and informal partnerships in a community is an ongoing responsibility for each of us in our lines of service!

Thank you for your time and efforts! Please reach out if I can be of any service to you in those efforts.

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