

## ABOUT YOUR FAMILY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PACKET

This bag is designed to seal and protect its contents as they are stored in your *Grab 'n Go Bag*. Follow the directions on the back of the OK sign and you will enable your household to be part of the life saving disaster response network in this neighborhood. Note that some of the instructions are to be considered NOW. Talk to your Street Contact, especially about who will be your buddy home. After a disaster it is critical to locate everyone as soon as possible and see if they need help. Taking the time to get acquainted with your buddy now may be key to saving your life later.

Getting to know your neighbors will also make you safer now. It is the basic rule of Neighborhood Watching to be aware of who should be around so you know if there is a stranger that doesn't belong. (The second rule is to ask the police to come look if you see anything that does not look normal.)

Your Street Contact can tell you how to find out more about the disaster plans for this neighborhood. The more you know ahead of time, the better chance you have of surviving.

### Packet Contents

This explanation sheet, with Emergency Alerting System details on back  
OKAY sign with instructions on back  
One set pink, yellow and green degree of damage signs. Safe water recipe is on back of pink sign.  
Two Damage Assessment Survey pages  
Instructions on how to set up *Grab 'n Go Bag*  
NSPP Emergency Information Sheet\*  
Enough Emergency Information cards to make two family sets  
NSPP Radio Training Net

The paramedics would like you to put one set of Emergency Information cards in a zip lock bag and secure it by magnet or scotch tape to the front of your refrigerator where they can find it quickly if they are called to your home. The other set should be in a zip lock bag kept in this packet. If you have too many cards, please return the extras to your Street Contact. If you need more cards, ask your Street Contact.

\* When you fill out the NSPP Information Form and return it to your Street Contact, you are helping us help you. In a fire, we can tell the fire dept. how many people and pets might be in the house, and if anyone has special needs (as the form details). In a disaster, the information will help us account for every person and be sure anyone who is hurt gets help. If there is a problem at your house and you are not there, we can call you and alert you if we have your business phone number.

Please give us your email address so we can send you last minute updates and instant advisories.

You can also use this form to tell us how you might be able to help your neighbors in a serious disaster – with medical skills, by translating, or using equipment you own.

Providing this information and keeping it current by reporting changes at your address is voluntary, but it could save your life or that of your pet. Please fill out this form and return it to your Street Contact as soon as you can. If you desire, the information can be available only to the computer operators, but if you do not want any information in the computer, at least give your phone number to your Street Contact. Wouldn't you want them to call you if there is an emergency phone out or they see an intruder in your yard at night?

# **Emergency Alerting System (EAS)**

Previously known as the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS)

The Emergency Alerting System (EAS) is the recognized system that government uses for disseminating emergency information to the public.

EAS is a network of public broadcast stations and interconnecting facilities authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate in a controlled manner during wartime, or during a state of disaster, or national emergency. The system is designed to provide a communication link between government authorities and the public. Priority for use is:

1. Presidential messages
2. Local programming
3. State programming
4. National programming and news

Local EAS/EBS stations for:

Costa Mesa

KFWB 980 AM Los Angeles

Orange County

KWVE 107.9 FM San Clemente

*The local cable television stations for Orange County are:*

CMTV Channel 24 – Costa Mesa

KOCE Channel 50 – Huntington Beach

Within about 10 minutes all local radio stations will pick up emergency warnings. Television stations are expected to take as long as one hour to post warnings.

Each family, business and school should have a battery powered AM/FM radio that is part of their Disaster Kit. This, and FRS Radio Channel 4, may be the only source of news and emergency alerts should the power go out, as it usually does in an earthquake and many other disaster situations. Our Costa Mesa Fire Dept. recommends that all residents assemble a Disaster Kit that can sustain your family for 3 to 7 days. You will need one gallon of water per person per day; food; flashlights and batteries; AM/FM radio; blankets; change of clothes; copies of personal documents such as drivers license, social security card, insurance documents, and prescription drugs. The Grab 'n Go bag instructions have more details. Preparedness saves lives!

**REMEMBER NSPP RADIO PRACTICE NET MONDAY NIGHTS**