
Fire

Deputize as needed.

Use a buddy system. Never endanger yourself. Never enter a building alone.

1. **Call 911.**
2. **Contact EPC Leadership using the Activation List (Section 2 of this manual).**
 - Wear your Reflective Vest or SJ CERT vest/hardhat.
 - Ensure that your Area Reps all have badges
3. **Relocate the Aid Station if necessary for better shelter, safety, or efficiency.**
4. **Use the GMRS radio to establish radio contact with EPC Leadership at the Villages Emergency Operations Center (VEOC). Monitor the radio for incoming messages.**
5. **Send volunteer teams to check residences in the fire danger area. Provide *Area Damage Assessment Forms/Packets*. Volunteers should:**
 - Verify the location of residents.
 - Move the injured or threatened to safety.
 - Turn off utilities (especially gas) as necessary **and only under the direction of First Responders**.
 - Clear the area.
6. **Receive, record, and act on reports from Area Reps— utilizing the *Area Damage Assessment* and *Sector Damage Assessment Forms*.**
7. **Establish triage areas (**immediate**, **delayed**, **minor**) and assign volunteers to monitor victims.**
8. **Contact Staging Center for immediate medical and/or emotional support needs.**
9. **Set up a Communications Team to inform residents in your sector of developments.**
10. **Continually assess the needs of your Sector.**
11. **Utilize assets within the Sector to manage the situation before asking for help from the VEOC.**
12. **Identify yourself to professional first responders; assist as requested and instructed.**
13. **Support other Sectors as needed.**
14. **Ensure that all volunteers have breaks, water food, and emotional support.**
15. **Continue Sector operations until EPC leadership communicates the stand down order.**