

On October 21, you will see EPC in action: The 2024 Annual Drill

Please consider joining the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) as an Area Representative.

Wait! Before you say no, please read the following:

Area Rep volunteers help their neighbors in an emergency (like a major earthquake), by going door-to-door with a buddy, to see if anyone needs help. [Please consider participating in the one-hour annual drill in October 2024.](#) If you can walk, see, observe, and check boxes with X's, you can serve as an Area Rep.

Please call Irene Grim (1-518-744-1702) Daniel Grim (1 -518-744-1613), or Ron McChesney (1-831-713-9556) if you wish to join or if you have questions. Or

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Background: There are 25 EPC Sectors in The Villages, and there is one Aid Station in each Sector. Our Aid Station is located at 6047 Montgomery Bend. Our Sector is Montgomery North Sector 10.

Our Sector includes Montgomery Corner (Areas 1 thru 4), Montgomery Bend (Areas 5 thru 7) and Montgomery Court (Areas 7 thru 12). Each Area Rep will be assigned an Area, and will be responsible for checking on residences in their Area

Who are EPC Volunteers? EPC volunteers come from various backgrounds, bringing skills, experiences and common sense to support our Village community during a disaster. EPC volunteers include, engineers, homemakers, teachers, doctors, bartenders, nurses, office workers and a host of other backgrounds, all of whom are dedicated to one thing — helping Village residents during a disaster.

How is EPC Activated? if there's an earthquake 5.0 or greater, we activate using the Villages Alert System. Additionally, and for any other emergency, you will be contacted by The Villages Alert System.

EPC's Two Guiding Principles:

- Your safety is priority number one.
- Do only what you're comfortable doing.

Following is what Area Reps should "do" in an Emergency (and what Area Reps will "do" at the Annual Drill):

- Attend to your own family first and put up your OK sign. Then, report to the aid station (6047 Montgomery Bend)
- At the Aid Station, you will be signed in and assigned to an Area to check, and if needed, EPC will provide you with a badge, a reflective vest, a headlamp (at night), an Assessment Form on a clipboard, and a pen/pencil. You then go and check for OK signs or knock on your neighbors' doors to see if they need help.
- In addition, as you walk through your area, if you see damaged buildings, detect gas odors, see water leaks, or observe hazardous electrical, chemical or fire incidents, blocked roads, or people trapped in their residences, place an X in the applicable box on the Assessment Form that specifies the hazardous conditions and incidents you observed.
- Remember, you first observe, and second, you report.
- When you finish your round and have entered X's in the boxes on the Assessment Form, return to the Aid Station. At that point, EPC can then: (a) aid neighbors you identified as needing help; and (b) deal directly with the hazardous conditions and incidents you reported on the Assessment Form.
- The EPC Website provides a comprehensive amount of important information to help you endure a disaster, and how EPC manages actual disasters. www.thevillagesepc.com