

VILLAGES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

2/28/20

SUBJECT: Villages Evacuation

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that if a serious event occurs involving a natural disaster that warrants the evacuation of the Villages, all Villagers are to follow the lead of the jurisdiction (City or County) that called for the evacuation.

- **Sheltering in place** (instead of evacuation) may be an option dictated by the relevant jurisdictional authority. In this scenario, preparation of emergency supplies by all Villagers remains an integral activity to complete because gas and electric power may not be available.

PERSONS INVOLVED: All Villagers

DOCUMENT(S) INVOLVED: Villages Evacuation Exits Map

PROCEDURES:

Preparation Activities

In the event of an order to evacuate the Villages, the Emergency Preparedness Committee will not activate.

1. All Villagers are encouraged to organize and have readily available their emergency supplies so they can be prepared in the event of an order to evacuate. These supplies should be such to help a household take care of themselves for at least a week.
2. All Villagers are encouraged to ensure that they are able to open their garage door(s) in the event of an absence of electricity during a disaster. Villagers should test their garage doors to see if they can manually lift them in case of an electricity outage.
3. All Villagers are encouraged to get to know their neighbors so that, in the event of an evacuation order, they would know to whom they would offer their assistance.
4. All Villagers are encouraged to preplan where they will connect with family outside of the Villages. The relevant jurisdictional authority may offer alternative sites or shelter locations as necessary.
5. All Villagers are encouraged to be aware of the emergency exits that currently exist for the benefit of all-- as specified in the **Map of Emergency Exits**: Gutadel Dr. gate in Village Sonata and Cribari Hills St. gate in Village Cribari. The relevant jurisdictional authority may provide alternative routes as necessary. The personnel of Station 11 have keys to these gates and may be able to assist in this process.
6. EPC leadership will periodically communicate disaster-related procedures to all residents of the Villages, including publishing disaster/evacuation-related information in *The Villager*.
7. All Villagers are encouraged to see to it that their pets/horses have the necessary food and relocation avenues in the event of an emergency evacuation order.
8. All Villagers are encouraged to subscribe to Alert SCC so they can be informed of relevant details during a disaster, including an evacuation event.

Evacuation Response Activities

1. If the City or the County orders an evacuation of the Villages, officials may use a variety of methods to notify the residents. These methods would probably include texts via **Alert SCC** and helicopter loudspeakers.
2. The First Responders are responsible for guiding the evacuation of all those leaving the Villages.
3. All Villagers are to follow the instructions of the responsible jurisdiction ordering the evacuation.
4. All Villagers are encouraged to stay tuned to notices from the appropriate jurisdiction(s) so they will know when it is safe to return to their homes in the Villages.