

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thanks to those who were able to attend the Emergency Preparedness Plan meeting on October 14th. This note is a follow up as promised, with some useful links below (sent previously but always good to have again...) as well as an organizational chart for your visual reference. We had a dry run of sorts recently when the Town sent an alert regarding a projected storm - and it worked smoothly.

For any MIFD resident unfamiliar with this plan, MIFD and MIPOA representatives have been working with Police Captain Bryan Schneider, head of the Town of Stonington Emergency Operations Center, to develop a Masons Island Emergency Response Program in the unlikely event that town Emergency Services are not able to safely come on to the Island for any period of time. The goal is to create a program that would facilitate us to better take care of each other if we become isolated and Emergency Services are unable to reach us.

As a MIFD resident, your direct connection is with your Neighborhood Lead Contact, listed on the organizational chart below. In the case of an emergency event they will be communicating directly with you. The hope is that you, too, will communicate with them, particularly in the event of a known, upcoming storm. If you evacuate the island, let them know. If you decide you need to stay, let them know. If you have any helpful equipment – a generator, an AED, a launchable boat, etc., let them know. Our goal is to be helpful and communicative neighbors to each other – it's a symbiotic relationship.

Please read the following information and resourceful links.

PLEASE NOTE: Residents are strongly urged to evacuate the island when advised by the Town of Stonington Emergency Services to do so.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & COASTAL STORM PREPAREDNESS

[www.Ready.Gov](http://www.Ready.Gov)

[Stonington Emergency Management](#)

[Ledge Light Health Services](#)

#### ALERTS FROM THE TOWN:

[Town of Stonington MOBILE PHONE APP](#) will send you real-time alerts in the event of a storm or other town concerns (or use this [QR code](#) to scan the app.)

[Town of Stonington ALERTS](#) - receive all of the information above via email and/or text.

[Town of Stonington FACEBOOK page](#)

#### LET THE TOWN KNOW IF THERE ARE SPECIAL NEEDS WITHIN A HOUSEHOLD:

The [Special Needs Emergency Registry Form](#) (once you get to site, hit "residents" then hit "public safety" to get to form) lets police, fire and other first responders in your community better prepare for and respond to your needs during a hurricane, storm, homeland security or any other emergency situation. Many people may need extra help during a time of emergency, including people who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker, or who have chronic conditions and require treatment (e.g., diabetic requiring insulin);
- Have mobility needs and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or behavioral health challenges; or
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information and to sign up for the Town Alerts. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Emergency Preparedness Plan Team

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