

BELL Hill Emergency Response Plan: Outline for a Major Earthquake Scenario

The following is a Highland Hills specific, three-level earthquake response plan - Level 1 household/personal, Level 2 neighborhood/MYN, Level 3 community/CERT:



First Level - Initial Response - Personal Household Response

When the shaking starts

- Drop to a stable position, crawl to nearest pre-determined safe place (under table, desk, etc)
- Duck, cover and hold on to something, protecting head and neck

When the shaking stops

- Put on shoes and necessary protective clothing
- Retrieve Earthquake Emergency Supply Bag –
 - Protective clothing, flashlight, 1st aid kit, radio, emergency response plan, ...
- Go to pre-determined outside safe location
- Determine condition of all occupants
- Provide required first aid
- Call neighborhood block leader for required help – cell phone or FRS radio
- Confirm house structural integrity before re-entering
- Review emergency plan with household members
- Display Green (OK) or Red (Need Help) Status Ribbon for 1st responders (see page 4)
- Secure the power, propane and water systems in your home
- Put your fire extinguisher out front so it will be accessible in case the house becomes unsafe
- Establish two-bucket, personal waste system

Second Level – Neighborhood Response – Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) plan

- ASAP, if your neighborhood has a designated FRS radio frequency, monitor it
- MYN 7 uses FRS channel 17 privacy 17 , MYN x uses channel x+10 privacy x+10
- don't use FRS 5 for MYN communication (except MYN leader status report to CERT)

When the initial household response plan allows movement to the second level

- Report to your neighborhood gathering area / MYN block leader
 - note condition of homes along the way
- Formulate and Review with neighbors a day specific Neighborhood Emergency Plan
- Form teams to
 - provide first aid and manage care of the injured
 - manage communications and status reports
 - check on homes with HELP cards and those with no status posted
 - check on elderly, disabled, children and pets
 - manage necessary utility shut offs
- MYN leader radios neighborhood status to CERT (use FRS channel 5 00 to report to CERT)

Third Level – Community Response – Community Emergency Response Team

ASAP – CERT members monitor CERT designated FRS frequency (FRS channel 5 00)

As soon as household and MYN responses permit, CERT members to move to the third level:

- CERT members report to gathering area, John and Cindy Corrigan’s House, 142 Owls Nest Rd or remote SAR squad gathering area (Alpha 222 Quails Roost, Bravo corner Doe Run and Fawn)
- Remote SAR squads radio status to CERT Center
- Assess conditions, reports, and resources
- Form teams to:
 - Manage communications, status reports, and overall activity (CERT 5 Center)
 - Search and Rescue homes (SAR squads Alpha, Bravo and Charlie)
 - Provide first aid and manage care of the injured (Medical Squad Mike)
 - Provide Support (Support Squad Sierra)
- Formulate/Review the day’s specific CERT plan
- Prioritize operations based on neighborhood and other reports
- Review safety precautions before deploying teams

Team Operations

- **Communications and Status Team Operations (CERT 5 Center directed by Captain)**
 - Monitor/Supervise Medical, Search and Rescue, and Support Squad Activities
 - Contact/Monitor County Incident Command Center (ICS)
 - Report Critical Needs
 - Report CERT 5 Status
 - Get ICS status report
 - Monitor Public Radio for Status Reports
 - Road Closures
 - Utilities Status
 - Emergency Services Status
 - Emergency Alerts
 - Weather Reports
 - Maintain Activity Logs
 - Manage Walk Up Volunteers
 - Evaluate what can be done by walk up volunteers
 - Assign tasks to walk up volunteers
 - Check road conditions
 - Gather and distribute supplies
 - Clear roads
 - Support communications (message runners, monitor radios)
 - Direct incoming emergency vehicles
 - Walk the neighborhood noting problems
 - Care for Injured, Elderly, Children and Pets

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- **Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations**
 - Formulate/Review Search and Rescue Plan of the day and safety precautions
 - SAR Logistics
 - Inventory/Gather SAR Squad Supplies and Equipment
 - Determine best way to travel to priority sites
 - Begin Search and Rescue
 - Monitor Conditions and Reports
 - Maintain logs, report to captain
 - Update Plan, Priorities and assignments as conditions change and reports come in

- **Medical Care Operations**
 - Designate Treatment Area(s)
 - Inventory Medical Supplies and Equipment
 - Treat the Injured
 - Call for advanced care as needed when available
 - Prioritize needs for advanced care
 - Maintain Logs and report status to captain

- **Support Squad Operations**
 - Formulate/Review day specific Support Squad plan
 - Transport Injured to Treatment Areas
 - Manage overall CERT 5 Logistics
 - Assess transportation options
 - Determine passable roads
 - Determine best means to transport victims and supplies
 - Prioritize road clearing / repairs
 - Manage available vehicles
 - Manage Emergency Supplies
 - Inventory all supplies
 - Gather additional supplies as needed
 - Distribute supplies to where they are needed
 - Request/manage volunteers organized by CERT Center
 - Maintain logs and report status to captain

Find the latest version of this plan and other emergency preparedness info on the Bell Hill CERT website:

www.certbellhill.org

Emergency Household Status Communication Protocol

How to Let Your Local Emergency Responders Know Your Household Status in an Emergency

In a major emergency, normal communication channels are likely to fail or be overwhelmed. Normal emergency responders and 911 will be unavailable. In Highland Hills, your local responders (Map Your Neighborhood) and CERT Bell Hill will most likely be the first to respond. Assuming the phone system is not working, there are several ways to let these teams know whether or not your household needs help.

1. Go to the command post of your MYN group or CERT Bell Hill and report your status.
 - a. CERT Bell Hill primary command post is at 142 & 232 Owls Nest Rd, secondary command post is at 222 Quails Roost. If the command post moves, a sign should indicate the new location.
 - b. Check <http://www.certbellhill.org/map-your-neighborhood-introduction/> for information about your MYN group command post (also known as gathering area).
2. Use an FRS radio to contact your MYN group. Your MYN leader can send help or contact CERT. CERT can send help or contact the county incident command center.
Check <http://www.certbellhill.org/map-your-neighborhood-introduction/> for information about radio communications with your MYN group.
3. CERT and MYN have a protocol to indicate the status of each household on the address post at the side of the road in front of each house. The basic plan is to tie a red or green ribbon to the roadside address post to indicate whether the household needs help or is ok. The ribbons can be placed or updated by members of the
 - a. Household
 - b. MYN group
 - c. CERT Bell Hill

A note with household status information may optionally be placed in a weatherproof baggie and tied to the post with the ribbon.

CERT, the MYN group and volunteer scouts will be monitoring, recording, and acting upon the indicated status and any notes in the baggie.

Each house should have either a green or a red ribbon displayed. If possible, write on the ribbon to indicate the date and time of ribbon placement.

A red ribbon indicates the household needs help as soon as possible.

A green ribbon indicates the no immediate help is necessary.

Following Search and Rescue activity, CERT will update the ribbons and tie on notes documenting operations.

Green and Red ribbon, marker, paper and baggies should be kept in the household “emergency go bag”, along with the Highland Hills Emergency Response Plan, this document and other critical emergency supplies. See <https://www.certbellhill.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/20191110-Personal-Go-Bag-HH-MYN.pdf> for a go bag recommendation.

Most Highland Hills homes have a roadside galvanized steel post with white numbers on a green address sign. If not, the mail box or a stake where the driveway meets the road may be used for posting status. If the address sign post has more than one address sign on it, write the applicable address on any ribbons or notes that you post. If access to the address post is too difficult for anyone in the house, the front door knob or handle may be used. When the responders have time to walk up to the houses without status ribbons, they will check the house and then indicate the status on the address signpost.

