

Elk Ridge Disaster Drill Report

The city of Elk Ridge had a disaster drill on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The scenario included a blizzard dumping 3 ft. of snow, which was followed by two days of -20 degrees and no power. Though there was still too much apathy, we had some good responses as well. We began by just reaching out without phones for the first 30 minutes, then restoring power so communication could improve. All of you received information on the drill through email & phone message. Each staging area had the challenge of contacting all homes in their Neighborhood and made a concerted effort to do that. CERT people were sent out to treat the injured, and EMS visited some of the more serious injuries. Thanks to all who participated; you will make a big difference in a real disaster.

Please consider what you and your family would do in a real disaster like this. The following items might be considered:

- 1) Become familiar with your disaster packet, and how to post the colored sheets.
- 2) Know who your Group Captain is...probably just a few houses from you.
- 3) Have Walkie Talkies for communicating with your Group Captain and others.
- 4) Walkie Talkies are used on the channel that matches the Neighborhood number...ch1 for N1, ch2 for N2 etc. Neighborhood numbers generally match ward numbers.
- 5) Alternate power or heat source.
- 6) Know where your water shut-off valve is inside of the house.
- 7) Know where your Neighborhood Staging Area is.

Thanks again,

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