

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Facilitator: Michele Laboda

Notetaker: Chris Gilbreath or Stan Mack

Attendees:

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The goal is for the group to discuss and produce **specific actionable items** to implement these Action Steps.

- **Introductions**
- **Discussion Guidelines**
  1. Think before you speak.
  2. Listen carefully to what others have to say and do not interrupt.
  3. Do not remain silent. Make sure to contribute to the discussion.
  4. Let other people speak. Once you are done speaking, let at least two other people talk before you speak again.
  5. Support good ideas that other people have, even if they are different from your own.

## **Discussion Questions**

- **What do you believe is the problem we are trying to solve?**
- Neighborhoods cannot expect that emergency services will be able to reach them and or have capacity to deal with all of the crises which could be caused by a disaster for as much as two weeks or more.
- Some neighborhoods have been organized, but those need to be revisited and updated. Many neighborhoods need to be organized. That requires someone to take the initiative.

- Problems of communications in a disaster event.
- How do you get started to organize your neighborhood?
- How do we get more people involved in Neighborhood Preparedness and reinvigorate the existing organizations?

## **Solutions Steps**

- **What are some possible short-term solutions (1-3 years) to the problem(s)?**
- Kingston Prepares website ...
- Scavenger Hunt?
- County notification system DEM alert system. Sign up to receive.
- NKFR twitter account is most resilient social media.
- Trap line. Hand written signs with information. Pre-designated locations. Local community low powered am radio station similar to WSF notification system.
- Spread the word and encourage people to pick up resources from (NKFR, Library?). Online resources? NKFR.org/kingston-prepares/ Michele will commit to renewing...
- Use drones to take pictures of the neighborhood.
- Grow food for neighborhood
- Renew commitment to move forward. Encourage one another.
- Facilitator will check on facebook page.
- Facilitator will collect the contact info and provide updates.
- Notify as many orgs as possible of community conversation
- **What are some possible long term solutions (4-10 years) to the problem(s)?**
  - Suggestion for future topic to carry on conversation in growth group: Kingston communication hub (website, newsletter) for residents (rather than tourist focused) that includes links to community clubs, organizations, informal groups, a calendar of events (for fun, to provide input to community planning), volunteer opportunities, short feature stories on businesses, history, neighborhoods, etc.
- **How will the people and organizations represented here be involved in working on these solutions in 2022?**

- Promote Scott James book Prepared Neighborhoods
- Prepared neighborhoods provide much more than just disaster readiness.
- Connected by email to share info and encourage one another.

**Thank you for your participation!**