

BECOME A BLOCK PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR (BPC)

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN TIMES OF CRISIS.



In a large emergency, city resources will be stretched thin. That's where you can help. By becoming a Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC), you can provide fast notification to the city of critical situations and needs on your block, improving access to scarce resources when they are needed the most. BPCs are the eyes and ears of the city's first responders and emergency managers, effectively organizing and assisting their families and neighbors when a large crisis strikes. **Become a BPC and be part of a neighborhood team that together makes a real difference in time of need!**



For more information on BPCs and the steps you need to become one, turn to the back side of this page.

BPC: A FAST AND EFFECTIVE PATH TO A STRONGER NEIGHBORHOOD

WHO

What is a Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC)?

A BPC is a neighbor that builds resiliency in their home and on their block by encouraging personal preparedness and getting to know their neighbors. And when disaster strikes, BPCs provide a critical link to city resources by assessing damage on their block and reporting it to your neighborhood **Emergency Services Volunteers (ESV)** team.

The team's leadership communicates directly with the city and coordinates assistance in your neighborhood and on your block.

WHY

Why should I become a BPC?

Experience has proven that when neighbors are connected before a large crisis strikes, they are much better at organizing effectively to assist their families and neighbors. A BPC gets the conversations going.

In a large emergency, city resources will be stretched thin. There simply won't be enough first responders to meet the emergency needs of the community in the early phases of a disaster. A BPC helps to pull together the members of the block (neighbors helping neighbors), to solve block problems when possible, and to report other critical situations and needs to the city.

WHAT

What do I need to do?

The training includes these simple steps. Go to cityofpaloalto.org/bpc to get started!

1. View a series of informational videos that cover the essentials to serving as a BPC.
2. Take a quiz to test your understanding of the program fundamentals
3. Attend a one-hour, live review class taught by the Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services Chief.
4. Submit an Emergency Services Volunteer (ESV) application.

WHEN

When you become a BPC, you become part of a neighborhood team that works together to make a real difference in time of need.



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