

## **Portola/ Alpine Neighborhood Emergency Plan**

**Prepared by your neighborhood emergency coordinators: Don Born and Nathaniel Cooper**  
**Additional local emergency information is available at <https://www.ssepo.org/home.html>**

Note: this plan is designed with a major disaster (i.e. earthquake), but can serve as a framework for other emergency situations.

### **Things To Do Before a Disaster Strikes**

#### **To prepare for an emergency**

- Develop an evacuation plan for you and your family (don't forget to include animals). Practice the plan.
- Pack and maintain an evacuation go bag, with cloths, personal items, and copies of important documents.
- Have a first aid kit, fire extinguisher readily accessible—remember in a major disaster we are on our own.
- Install automatic gas shutoff valves and maintain defensible space
- Make sure your GMRS radios are charged and that they are programmed with the neighborhood communications plan
- For a more comprehensive disaster preparation see “Prepared, Not Scared” from the South Skyline Fire Safe Council

### **During and Immediately After an Emergency**

#### **Ensure the safety of you and your family first!**

- If you and/or your family are injured provide first aid and get help if needed
- Take stock of the structural integrity of your house—is it safe to be inside? if you are unsure, move everyone outside—be safe.
- Know where the gas shutoff valve is and how to use it—turn it off after a major earthquake.
- Once you are safe check in with you neighbors, via phone, GMRS radio etc.

#### **Communicate your status**

- For emergencies call 911
- If calling 911 is not possible, try using your GMRS radio on:  
462.575MHz on the Baofeng (channel 16 on some radios)  
Or  
The Long Ridge Repeater 462.600MHz (+5Mhz offset) DCS tone +031N
- A neighborhood check-in will be conducted on the above frequencies, as always emergency messages have priority.
- If you need to get a message out of the neighborhood, try contacting one of the Ham radio operators that live in our neighborhood via GMRS radio.

Nathaniel Cooper---GMRS call sign: WQXY560 (Ham call sign KN6LGM)

- See our neighborhood communications plan for more details ([Is this a document that can be included?](#))

### Neighborhood Meeting place

- If it is unsafe to say where you are, our neighborhood meeting place is the pullout at the intersection of Alpine and Portola State Park Roads. This will be the staging area for ARES/CERT teams and other resources during a major incident, and the alternate site for local radio communications

### Important Numbers/ People and Other Information

- Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator---Nathaniel (Nate) Cooper [nmrcooper@gmail.com](mailto:nmrcooper@gmail.com)  
(HAM call sign: KN6LGM) (GMRS call sign:WQXY560)
- Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator---Don Born [donaldborn@gmail.com](mailto:donaldborn@gmail.com) (650-917-9648)  
(GMRS call sign: WRF299)
- La Honda Fire Station Phone 650-747-0381
- San Mateo County Sheriff Non-Emergency Phone (after hours) 650-363-4911
- Large Animal Evacuation-- in an emergency, call 911 and tell dispatcher you need Large Animal Evacuation Group
- PG &E Emergency Phone (24hr a day) 1-800-743-5000
- NOAA Weather Radio 162.550MHz
- Cal-Fire (**listen only!**) 151.730MHz
- US Coast Guard (24hr watch emergency radio channel) 156.800MHz (mostly used for marine emergencies, but in a major disaster could be used to get help)
- A more comprehensive list is available at <https://www.ssepo.org/emergency-numbers.html>  
that has other useful communication information and a link to the list  
<https://nebula.wsimg.com/24a709dadd56b42e42707f64fa249db3?AccessKeyId=78E54115D262502F326A&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>