



**Emergency Preparedness Committee
February 2009**

Emergency Preparedness Newsletter

Greetings to all our Neighbours

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) of the Cadboro Bay Residents' Association was formed in 1999 to assist residents of Cadboro Bay to be prepared for a major disaster or emergency, such as an earthquake. The EPC will provide a limited local emergency response.

We divided Cadboro Bay into 3 Zones, each with a Zone Coordinator and a system of Street Captains. Street Captains periodically distribute information to their close neighbours on how to prepare a survival kit and how to prepare for earthquakes, brush fires, tsunamis, pandemics and more.



Remember to check the Zone map beside the mail boxes the next time you are in the Village.

Street Captains also keep track of residents in their neighbourhood who move in and out, paying extra attention to those special needs or skills. We ask your assistance in keeping our information current by telling your Street Captain if there are changes in your household or neighbourhood.

We Need YOU!

We are looking for new Street Captains in some areas. There is very little time required yet it is an easy and invaluable way to contribute to the well-being of your community. To find out more, please contact your Zone Coordinator (see Page 2).

First Aid & Search and Rescue

We are well organised with supplies and a core group of volunteers, but we need FRESH VOLUNTEERS. If you have any FIRST AID or MEDICAL experience, please consider if you would be willing to help out in an emergency. We only need you for a few hours a year, but we would like to register and organize our volunteers in advance.

Please encourage any First Aiders, Nurses and Physicians to contact Bill Dancer, 721-5273.

Incident Command Post

The ICP is a small group that makes decisions about problems and priorities and directs our emergency effort to where it is most needed. If a major emergency occurs, the ICP team will meet at Goward House and contact our Radio Operators to identify where the greatest emergency needs exist.

If you would like to join, or want to learn more about the ICP contact Harry Drage, 477-9544.

Temporary Shelter

The Shelter group provides support for those whose homes are uninhabitable and helps families to re-unite with missing loved ones.

Annual General Meeting

March 31, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM, Cadboro Bay United Church

Communications



Radio operators have been trained throughout the area to use UHF and VHF radios. VHF radios can communicate with others well beyond the neighbourhood.

In an emergency, the locations of active radio operators will be identified by orange flags and flashing red lights. If necessary, Street Captains can relay information through the radio operators to the Incident Command Post. The ICP will inform the radio operators when help can be expected.



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We invite you to a Public Information Session presented by Captain Brock Henson, the new Emergency Program Officer for the Saanich Emergency Program.

When Disaster Strikes

Saanich and the CRD have taken a number of significant steps towards preparing an effective response to a catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake. Find out what's changed and what exciting developments are coming in 2009.

Following the presentation, your EPC Executive will provide a brief update on our accomplishments this past year and plans for further development of our local emergency response plans and exercises in 2009 / 2010.

There will also be a Question and Answer period with opportunity for your input on Emergency Preparedness in Cadboro Bay – See you there!

Zone Coordinators

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Disaster First Aid Course

This excellent course is designed to help individuals apply first aid and triage for their family, friends and neighbours following a disaster. You must attend both evenings.

February 17 and 24, 6-9 p.m.
Gordon Head Recreation Centre (475-7100)
Course # 294695

This course is FREE but registration through the Recreation Centre is required.

For further information:

<http://www.cadborobay.bc.ca/emergprep.htm>

<http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/resident/safety/prep/program.html>