



## Naples Emergency Response Plan Block Captains

At the heart of Naples' Emergency Response Plan is an island-wide network of "Block Captains." Some have been CERT trained, but it is not a requirement of the role. Block Captains provide the crucial communications link between the Incident Command Center and all community members.

Naples has been divided into 6 "Divisions" with approximately 50 "Blocks" (6-10 Blocks per Division). Each Block contains roughly 30 households, and will have a dedicated "Block Captain." **Prior** to a major incident, Block Captains help their neighbors become prepared by sharing information and facilitating connections. **Following** a major incident, Block Captains will work with Division Supervisors to help all residents navigate the crisis until professional responders arrive on the scene.

### Role of the Block Captain

#### Pre-Incident: Emergency Preparedness

- Liaison to LB CERT-Naples Committee
- Learn "The Island's Emergency Plan" • Share "The Island's Emergency Plan"
- Community Outreach:
  - Create a Block Directory (30-50 households)
  - Connect Neighbors
  - Gather details about your Block
    - Gas and Water shutoff valves
    - Inventory skills and supplies the Block has
  - Champion Emergency Preparedness
    - Emergency Kits, Tools and Supplies • Reunification Plans
- Practice Hand Radio Communications
- Optional Training: CERT • CPR • HAM Radio

#### Post-Incident: Emergency Response

- Communications link between Block residents and Division Supervisor
- Secure your Block
- Organize teams:
  - Fire Suppression
  - Medical Triage
  - Child Care
  - Emotional Care
  - Search and Rescue
  - Pet Care
  - Senior Care
  - Assist Visitors

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