




# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STUDY SESSION

April 5, 2011

# City Priority #1

## Enhance Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- ▶ What is Emergency Preparedness?
  - ▶ What are the City's potential risks?
  - ▶ What has the City accomplished?
  - ▶ Synopsis of the plan
  - ▶ What Residents should do
  - ▶ What the City should do
  - ▶ Next Steps
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# What is Emergency Preparedness?

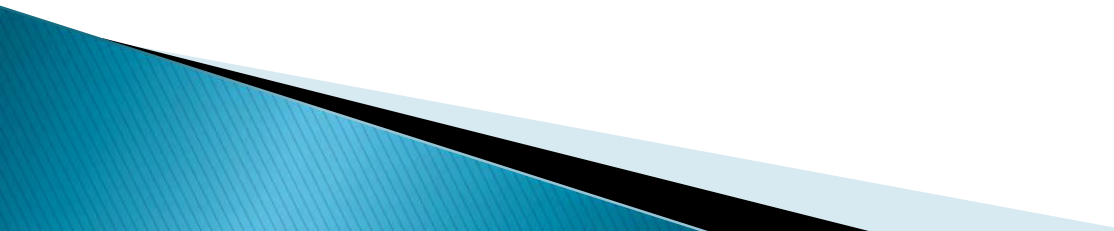
“Preparedness is everyone's job. Not just government agencies but all sectors of society -- service providers, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, industry associations and neighborhood associations, as well as every individual citizen -- should plan ahead for disaster.

During the first few hours or days following a disaster, essential services may not be available. People must be ready to act on their own.”

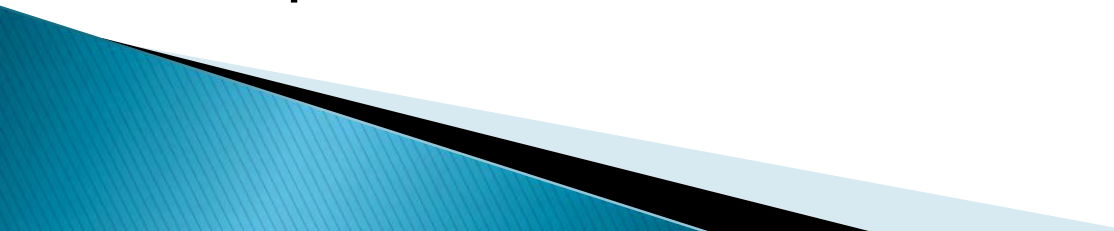
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# Potential Risks

- ▶ Floods
  - ▶ Tornados not likely – not impossible
  - ▶ Fires/Wildfires
  - ▶ Hurricanes not likely – not impossible
  - ▶ Earthquakes
  - ▶ Thunderstorms
  - ▶ Winter/Ice Storms
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# Man-Made Disasters

- ▶ Biological
  - ▶ Chemical
  - ▶ Nuclear
  - ▶ Radiological
  - ▶ Explosions
  - ▶ Airplane crashes
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# City Accomplishments

- ▶ Obtained citywide notification capabilities
  - ▶ Certified ten (10) emergency shelters through Red Cross
  - ▶ Developed evacuation plan that identifies all exit routes
  - ▶ Developed resource inventory guide that lists critical services needed during an emergency
  - ▶ Fire Department certified over 50 residents in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
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# City Accomplishments continued

- ▶ Fire District provided Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) training to over 500 residents at Beat Meetings and other venues
- ▶ All sworn officers have completed ICS 100 and 700 training
- ▶ Developed Emergency Preparedness brochures and flip chart for:
  - Floods
  - Earthquakes
  - First 72 hours
  - General emergencies
- ▶ Developed Magnetic Emergency Communication Card for distribution

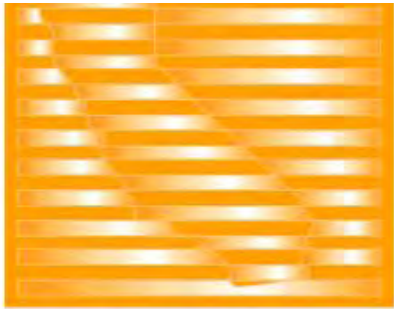
# City Accomplishments continued

- ▶ City Council established Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with:
    - School District
    - Sanitary District
    - Water
  - ▶ City leadership conducted numerous city–school district meetings regarding emergency preparedness
  - ▶ Multi Jurisdictional Coordination with:
    - Menlo Fire District (Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Atherton)
    - San Mateo County OES
    - Creek Authority
  - ▶ Updated the City’s Emergency Operations Plan (to be presented to the City Council this evening)
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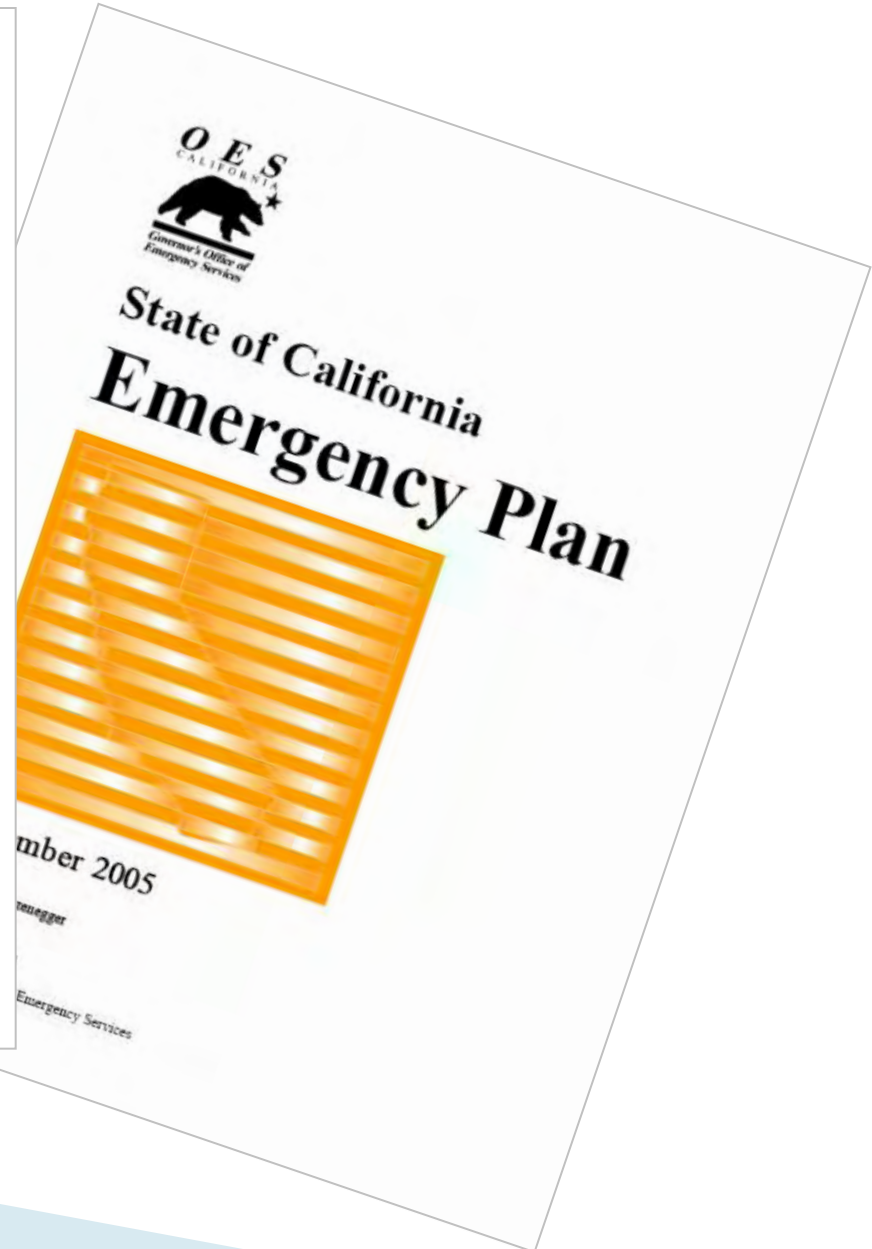
# Synopsis of the Operations Plan



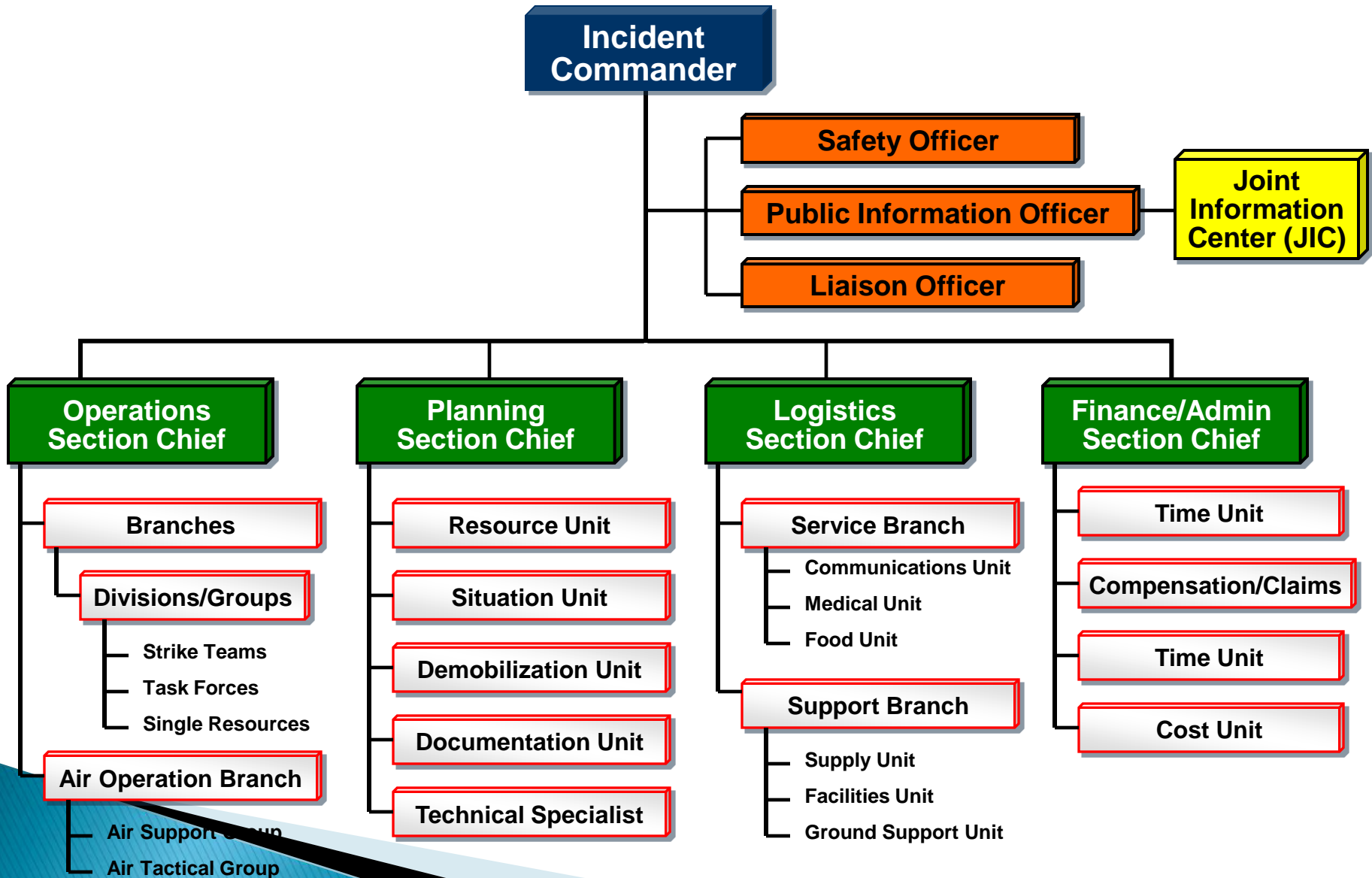
## East Palo Alto Emergency Plan



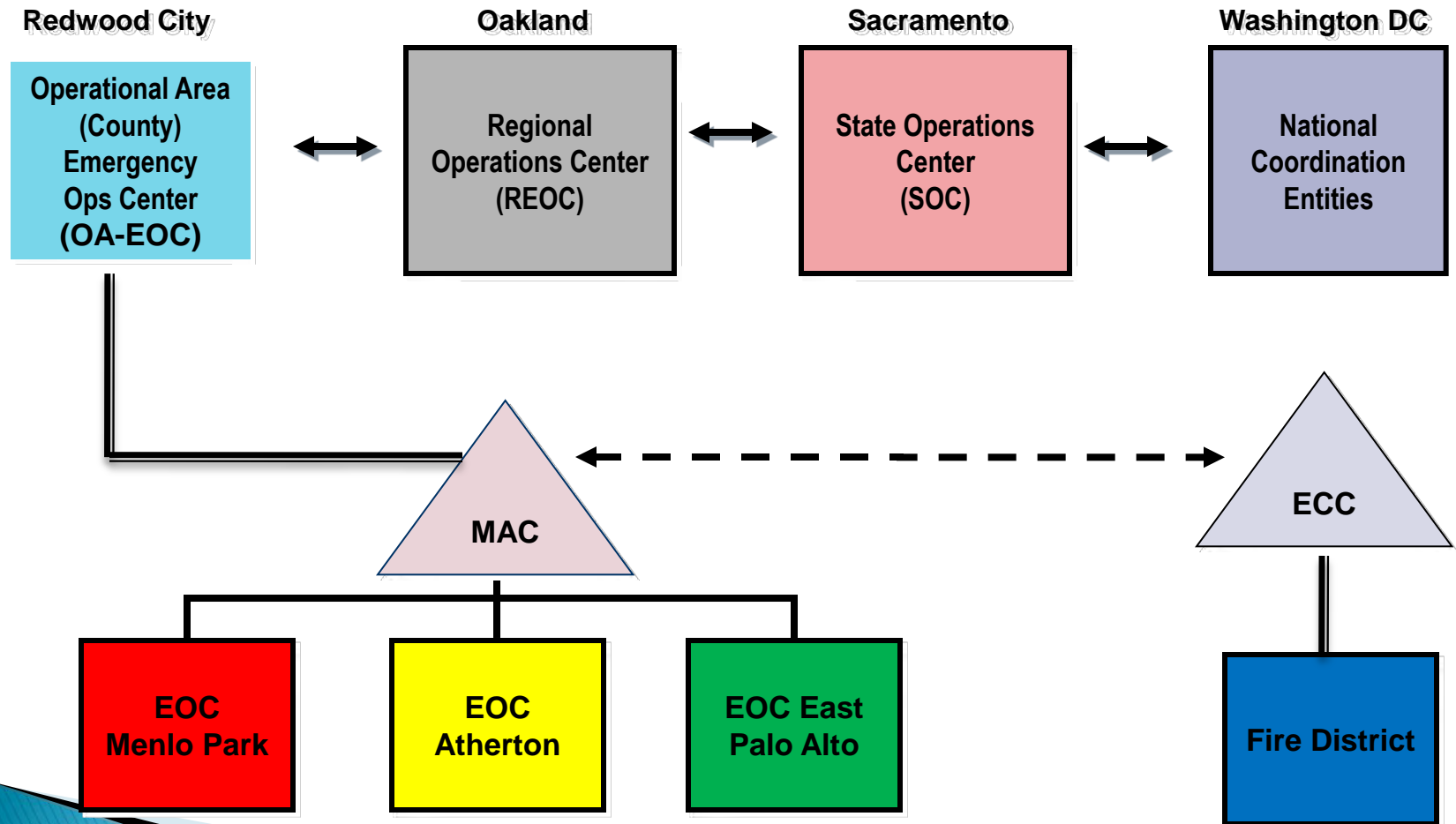
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# National Incident Management System

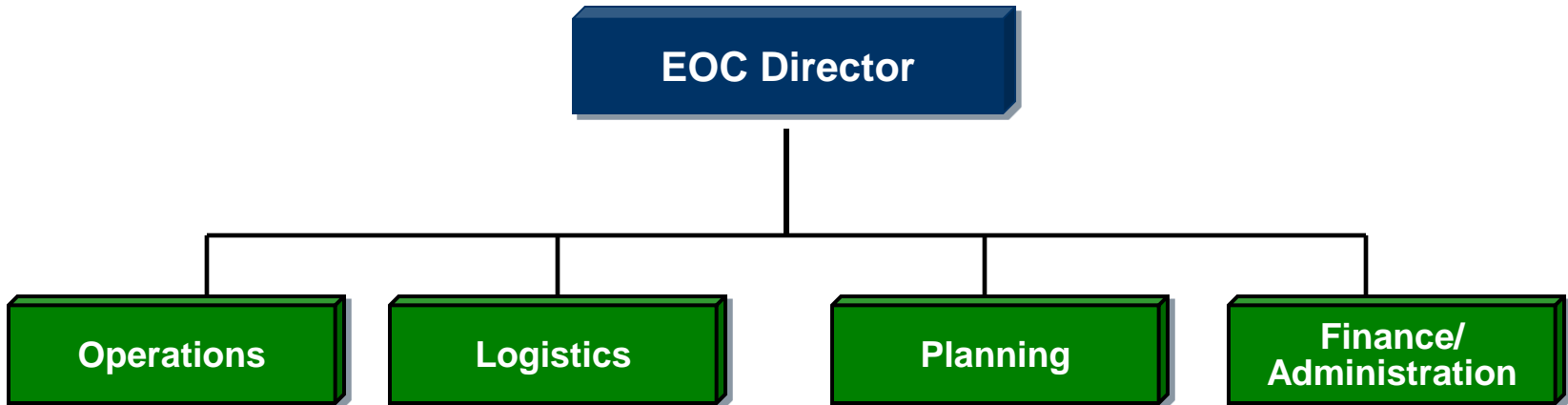


# Multi-Agency Coordination Centers



# Emergency Operations Center

- Supports the Multi-Agency Coordination System
- East Palo Alto's EOC is the Community Room at City Hall
- Incident Command Post on Willow Road



# Notification Systems

- County-based SMC Alert
  - County automated telephone notification system
  - Local television stations and public stations
  - Radio Stations for Emergency Information
    - KCBS – AM 740; KGO – AM 810
    - KSOL FM 98.9 (Spanish) KSJX – AM 1500 (Vietnamese)
    - KSJO – FM 92; KQED – FM 88.5; KZST – FM 100.1
  - Some Neighborhood Groups formed phone trees
- These resources foster communication and early warning.**

# Shelters

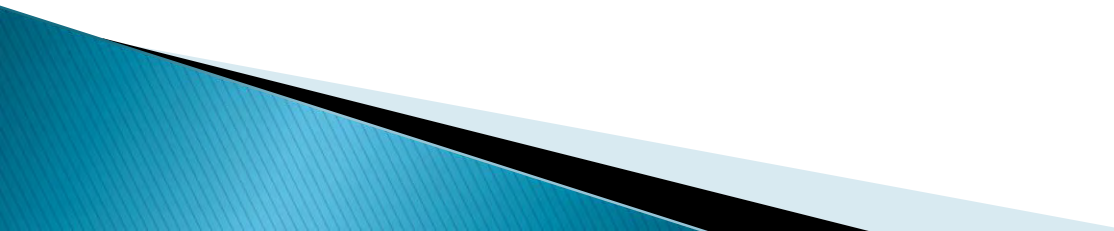
A potential shelter site could easily become damaged from a disaster, therefore potential shelter site locations are not usually disclosed to the public.

The site would have to first be inspected before it could be used.


# What Residents Should Do:

- ❑ Keep Emergency Supplies on Hand
- ❑ Know First Aid
- ❑ Know How to Turn Off Your Home Utilities
- ❑ Have a Family Evacuation & Reunion Plan
- ❑ Have Plan for Children, Elderly, Disabled and Pets
- ❑ Know your Children's School Evacuation Plan
- ❑ Have Flood Insurance
- ❑ Have Copies of All Important Documents
- ❑ Know Your Local Radio & TV Stations for Emergency Broadcasts
- ❑ Get Involved in Your Neighborhood Watch
- ❑ Familiarize Yourself with Evacuation Routes
- ❑ Have a 72 HOUR Emergency Kit for Home
- ❑ Have a Go Bag for all Family Members
- ❑ Remember to Make Disaster Planning a Part of Your Neighborhood Watch

# What the City Should Do:

- ▶ Continue Coordination, Planning and Readiness Efforts
  - ▶ Adopt Updated Plan that includes NIMS
  - ▶ Continue City Staff Training Efforts
  - ▶ Continue Jurisdictional Coordination
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# Next Steps

- ▶ Adopt City Emergency Operations Plan
  - ▶ Provide continual ICS training updates to all city staff
  - ▶ Participate in May 19<sup>th</sup> training exercise hosted by San Mateo County OES
  - ▶ Provide continual CERT and PEP training for the community
  - ▶ Organize CERT members and HAM operators to establish emergency teams
  - ▶ Conduct tabletop exercise for city staff
  - ▶ Conduct citywide emergency preparedness exercise for city staff and community
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# Community Volunteers

- ▶ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
  - Upcoming class dates posted online
- ▶ HAM radio operators
  - Training available to residents who are interested

