

As part of the Safety Committee's goal to help our community be resilient in emergency situations, we held a table top exercise this week based on a scenario of a (5) day power outage. It was very interesting and productive to listen to the 18 participants discuss options to help people during an emergency, to realize that those options are really quite limited, and that it all circles back to the more realistic goal of how we can help individual households prepare **in advance** to be self-reliant.

Two weeks ago we held a Pop-Up "Open Garage" safety event in which we showcased equipment and supplies that are recommended for a Go Bag and a household Emergency Preparedness Cache that will help residents withstand 2-4 weeks without utilities, and without the ability to resupply food and water, the baseline recommended by Oregon's B2WeeksReady program.

Probably the most important resource our community can offer its residents is an effective radio network that will allow us to communicate information to homeowners using a two-way radio while they shelter in place in the relative safety of their own home. To that end our communications team submitted a proposal to the Board to upgrade our radio equipment to improve the quality of our transmissions within our community and to be able to communicate with the City of Depoe Bay's Emergency Operations Center.

Most of us accept that there will be another power outage such as we experienced last January, that it is not a matter of if, but simply when. We encourage everyone to talk with their Safety Captain and to read the resources on our webpage, to develop a plan, to own and learn to use a two-way radio, and be prepared to shelter in place as a self-reliant household. Thank you, and are there any questions or comments?

