

Save The Date
Thursday, May 7th, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Talk with your LWC Safety Captain

**Neighbors helping neighbors - our best strategy for building
a resilient community!**

When the power goes out, a storm rolls in, or another community-wide emergency event occurs, the first person to offer help is more likely to be your neighbor than a professional first responder.

EP - SC - SA - ICS - IC - RNA - CRS - EOC - PIO - QR - AAR -
cache - go-bag - SIP

Who can help you make sense of this alphabet soup of acronyms and jargon as they relate to Emergency Preparedness (EP) in our community? The Safety Captain (SC) in your Safety Area (SA) is your contact person for LWC's Incident Command System (ICS). The Incident Commander (IC) oversees a coordinated community-wide response of protocols and strategies carried out by volunteers to help residents manage and recover from an emergency event.

On Thursday, May 7 the ICS will conduct a training exercise in which Safety Captains, wearing ID badges and orange vests, will visit the homes in their area from 1:30 - 2:30 PM to conduct a Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) to determine the status of residents, homes, infrastructure, etc. during a hypothetical emergency event.

They will relay this information to the Community Radio Service (CRS) via their two-way radios and the ICS team will then analyze the data to determine how to manage the situation.

In an actual emergency event the CRS would contact the City of Depoe Bay's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and our Public Information Officer (PIO) would exchange information with them about the status of our community and the surrounding area. At the close of the event, the ICS team would conduct an After Action Report (AAR) to determine what practices and strategies worked well and what should be modified.

During the May 7 training exercise, we encourage residents to talk with their Safety Captain who will answer their questions and give them the new [EP & Help refrigerator magnet](#). Scanning the QR code on the magnet will take you directly to our [EP webpage](#), a treasure trove of resources where you can learn what [Safety Area](#) you live in, who your [Safety Captain](#) is, how to develop a household cache and go-bag, and numerous tips for preparing for an extended power outage or other emergency event.

Our goal is not to increase anxiety, but to provide a sense of control by helping you develop a plan for your household to be self-reliant, prepared to Shelter in Place (SIP) and receive status reports from the CRS at the top of the hour on your two-way radio. We break the process down into small, manageable steps to assemble supplies to provide alternative sources of water, food, light, Rx, and warmth for your family and your pets.

If no one from the ICS team visits your area during the training exercise, it either means that **it does not have a Safety Captain - Edgewater, Shining Mist, Nesting Glade** - or that your Safety Captain is not available that day. In either case, please consider joining our team as a Safety Captain or Co-captain.

Be part of the solution by supporting our Safety Captains and ICS team during the May 7 outreach program.
Send questions and comments to <safety@lwcha.org>.