

Ready Fairmount

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM

Field Guide

Supplies

- Sturdy Shoes and gloves
- Hard Hat or Helmet
- Radio Response Go-Kit
 - Radio (GMRS: label with your callsign)
 - *Make sure your radio is operational before setting out!*
 - Extra batteries
 - Notepad, Pencils/Pens
 - Radio Instruction Manual
 - Flashlight w/ extra batteries
 - Forms (DAT, Communication Log)
 - Waterproof Radio Cover (if not waterproof)

Damage Assessment Process

- Family and home come first
 - Smell for gas
 - Look for water leaks
 - Address any safety issues in home before setting out
- Work in teams of at least 2
- Assess for damage along your designated route
 - Remember: You are the eyes and ears for your neighborhood
 - Be safe. Take care of yourself and your partner(s).
 - Do not enter any unsafe structure
- Document hazards, damage and life safety issues on Damage Assessment Form

- Submit your report to your Neighborhood Net Control using Channel 2 (16)
- Note: Life Safety issues should be transmitted when found. Write down and radio NC.

Reporting Damage & Injuries

- Reporting by Radio:
 - “Fairmount Net Control, this is (callsign), (name), zone #”
 - “go ahead” from Net Control
 - Give location and brief description of damage, injuries.
 - After 5-6 words, pause. Wait for “Copy” and Proceed
 - When done, say “Over”
 - Wait for response.
 - When transmission complete, give your identifier and say “Out”.
- If unable to report via radio, send a runner with written report

Tips

- Primary channel is busy.
 - Switch to alternate channel.
 - Only if you have life threatening emergency traffic, say “Break. Break. Emergency Traffic.” Users should relinquish channel to you.
 - Unable to change channels?
 - Check to see if you have activated the channel lock. If so, press on the lock button to release it.