

LWR CERT Hurricane Preparation – Neighborhood Meeting Materials

The following material is a suggestion for neighborhood meetings in the event of a hurricane alert in our area. Most of our neighbors have never been through a hurricane and unfortunately they also do not pay a lot of attention to preparing for one. However, if and when we are in the middle of a real event, everyone will want to know what to do and how the CERT organization can help them. This package includes a suggested briefing agenda for you to use. In the event we have a hurricane warning, we recommend having an immediate neighborhood meeting to share the latest updates. Consider coordinating this with your HOA representatives to get the word out and invite everyone to a cul-de-sac or a quiet street corner. The recommended agenda includes:

1. Introduce your CERT Team members

2. Give a brief overview of the CERT mission

3. Refer everyone to the LWRCERT.ORG for information on storm shelters, evacuation procedures and storm preparations.

4. Educate the group on;
 - Where your After the Storm meeting place is
 - That you have first aid supplies and radios to communicate for assistance if phones are out.
 - Alert everyone that our first activity is to check homes for damage and injuries when the storm is over
 - o Volunteers that are able to help should first report to your meeting place for team assignments and instructions.

5. Survey neighbors on their plans to stay or evacuate and if anyone has medical or other limitations that you will want to check on after the storm.

6. Make copies of the Hurricane Preparation checklist, if you can, and hand them out.