

ASSOCIATION'S INVOLVEMENT IN DISASTER PLANNING AND EVENTS

We have been told that there could be a serious delay by emergency personnel in the event of a major catastrophe in any of our Cities. Guess who the owners are going to be looking to solve their problems in one of those events, the Board.

Do you have a plan? Are you thinking that it will be the Manager? The Manager will be doing exactly the same thing you will be doing, worrying about their family first and may not be able to reach your community to try to help at all.

The Red Cross and other organizations will come out and talk to your residents at a meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to help your owners while helping yourselves at an annual meeting.

Here are the websites for the Nevada Red Cross organizations:

North = <http://www.nevada.redcross.org/>

South = <http://www.redcrosslasvegas.org/>

The Board should at least consider forming a committee for this purpose to look at your community's unique issues that they may face and the residents. Families with a lot of young children may face different issues from a senior community. This website would offer a great start for the Committee to access to see what is available for their help.

<http://www.ready.gov/>

As Nevada ranks number 3 in Earthquakes in the USA behind Alaska and then California, we need to be prepared. Insurance will help you afterwards, if you had the foresight to get it, but it won't help while people are struggling to get food and water.

As leaders in your community, or a manager trying to work with your communities, having a plan started is much better than burying your head and hoping nothing will happen.