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Safer, Stronger, Better Prepared Neighborhoods

When something bad happens, everybody can count on neighbors who (1) are trained in First Aid and CPR; (2) have chainsaws; (3) are willing to check in on the latchkey kids whose parents may be stranded across the river; and so forth. Right?

Well, for those of us who live in the real world there is a program that can deliver those assets and more. It is called Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).

MYN is an award-winning, nationally-acclaimed way for neighbors to help neighbors in an emergency.

In her introduction to MYN, the program she wrote, Dr. LuAn Johnson, PhD, relates a story of the Oakland Hills fire east of San Francisco. One of the people lost in the fire was a man's 85-year-old mother. "If neighbors only talked to each other before the fire the way we talk afterwards, she would have been saved," he said, "No one knew she was there."

MYN helps neighbors get together and organize their emergency resources and skills.

As the Washington State Emergency Management Division cautions, "The reality is - neighborhoods may need to respond to fire, injuries, and leaking natural gas during disaster. [Map Your Neighborhood] will help us know how."

You can learn more about the program by attending an hour-long briefing at the Carnation fire station, 7PM, Wednesday, April 6, 2016, led by Duvall resident Gene Laughlin, president of Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps Council.

Gene says, "The goal is to build resiliency – in your neighborhood."

For more information about MYN, email myn@cdccc.us, or for information about Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps, visit www.cdccc.us.

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