

January 2015 SWNI Article

Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)

Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015; 7 pm Riverdale High School

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On Jan. 22, Collins View and South Burlingame inaugurated their official Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs). There are 11 NET-trained individuals, and another 11 in the process of becoming trained. Our teams are unusual in that about half the members are Amateur Radio Operators (AROs) and licensed in the use of ham radios. Because Collins View and South Burlingame share Fire Station #10, the two teams will work closely together to coordinate operational plans and meetings and acquire first aid supplies, tarps and blankets.

Conversations are ongoing with St. Mark Church (9750 SW Terwilliger Blvd.) to make rooms available for triage, the NET staging area and storage. The Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Node (BEECN) box will remain at Riverdale High School, across the street. A BEECN is a temporary radio communications site staffed by at least one person after a major earthquake. BEECNs are places where you can report severe damage or injury or ask for emergency assistance when phones are down.

The Collins View Structured Neighborhood Assessment Plan (SNAP) has been completed. The SNAP sector maps/charts are available to print from Nextdoor. All neighbors are encouraged to print their sectors. Neighborhood representatives should print their sectors.

Printing these out doesn't mean you are volunteering to do the assessment walk in an emergency. It just makes sure the charts are available to those who do volunteer. The Collins View SNAP is a model that will be used by other Neighborhood Emergency Teams.