

SWNI News Dec 2018 Collins View

On Sunday, October 14th Collins View NET members participated in a city wide deployment exercise. This was Collins View first participation in an exercise like this right here in our neighborhood. We had 19 members register for this event, including 3 members from Riverdale and 2 members from Marshall Park. One CV NET volunteered to help out South Burlingame as an Amateur Radio Operator (ARO). Two Riverdale NETs were assigned to the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) as sub-net control, using ham radio frequencies. Registered NETs received a call from PBEM at approximately 12:45 pm with the message that a major 9.0 earthquake had just hit Portland and that everything was good at their residence (family, house, pets, etc.) and they should prepare to deploy to the prearranged staging area.

NETs left their residences and walked prearranged routes to the staging area (St. Mark Church on Terwilliger). They found red envelopes taped to selected mailboxes which contained emergency scenarios (fire, building damage, wires down etc) and practiced filling out damage assessment forms to turn in once they arrived to the staging area. All members had Family Radio Service (FRS) radios (two way walkie-talkies) to check in with the ARO at the staging area. Once the members arrived and checked in, Incident Command assignments were made, operational teams put together and assignments given for light search and rescue missions. The weather was fabulous, team members stepped up to the plate to problem solve and we all learned a great deal about leadership structure, working in teams with specific responsibilities, mapping out the neighborhood with potential problems and prioritizing goals.

See photo on next page!



Respectfully submitted; Nancy Holmes, Exercise Coordinator, 10/25/2018

The next Collins View Neighborhood Association meeting will be 7:00 PM, Wednesday Dec. 5, 2018, Riverdale High School.