

Need Assistance in an Emergency?

In one of our earlier articles, we stressed the necessity of having your address plainly visible so responders can find you in an emergency. But what if power and communications are down and you can't communicate with the outside world, are you especially vulnerable? You may be if you depend on power for oxygen, have impaired or limited mobility, have impaired sight or hearing, or have other medical or personal needs that must be met.

Volcano CERT is initiating a program called "Map My Community", the purpose of which is to provide community members and responders with information to help those who need assistance in times of emergency. The program has two parts: 1) mapping those individuals who have needs during an emergency so that responders can be directed to check in on them and provide assistance when appropriate; and 2) pair up members of the Volcano CERT to persons in need who don't have a friend, neighbor and/or family members available to check in on and assist them when necessary.

If you would like to be "mapped" and/or don't have anyone to assist you in an emergency, send an email to volcanocert1@gmail.com or call Nancy Lakin at 985-9438, and you will be contacted by a Volcano CERT member.