

Organize Yourself, Prepare Every Needful Thing...

DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?

Communications

FAMILY READY

PEACE

Long Range Ham Radio & Satalite Systems are not cheap, and you have to be willing to get licensed. It is a disiplined form of communicatin where chatter isn't tolerated. But they work over hundreds of miles through repeaters, and can bring the news of safety of loved ones, or can be used to reach out when you are in distress and need help. There is a Ham Operators system in place worldwide to communicate post disaster. Your family can also invest time, resources, & energy into learning how to do this too. For More Info: go to aarl.org

Amateur
Radio
License

RESOURCE

Establish Block Captains. Use runners in a neighborhood, to send messages. Cheaper Shorter Two Way Radios work great In a neighborhood communication system. Family members locally, can use them like walkie talkies. Get ones with enough sub-frequency channels to avoid stepping on others (too many talking at one time) who will be using them locally too. These work by line of site and most likely only cover a few miles at best. Plan also for a way to Recharge Radios. Solar? Extra Batteries? etc?

Two Way
Radios
Block
Captains
Runners

PROGRESS

Old Land Line Phones are Great in an emergency because they are low frequency fiber optics, OFTEN they do not loose power when everthing else does. If you have an older push button phone that doesn't require recharging or batteries (not a cordless phone) often these land lines will work for at least out of state calls. Local lines get bogged down during a disaster, but out of state family members can often get through or vise versa, when nothing else is working.

Land Lines

STARTED

Establish a Family Contengency Communicatin Plan Now, while you can communicate. Where would you meet if you were seperated in a large scale disaster. Kids at school? Dad traveling or at work? Mom? Have an Out of State Contact Family member, that can relay info to you and other family members as a go between, if local lines are down. (See Land Lines above) Write out your plan. Make sure everyone has this info. Also get a wind up or other rechargeable AM/FM Radio so you can recieve news. (Great gift.)

Family
Plan
EP Contact
AM/FM
Radio

NOT READY

Conviently Use Email Systems & Facebook Group Pages, Internet Blogs, & cell phones, including texting, for pre disaster communication. Use to teach preparedness, keep people in the loop, and to communicate in minor emergencies. After a Major Disaster, if there is long term loss of power most of these will become useless. Texting May Continue... texting works sometimes, even when you can't get a dialtone.

Cell Phone
Email
Internet