

RESIDENTS' PREPAREDNESS GROUP (RPG)

Definition, goal, and mission:

The RPG is an independent organization of Rogue Valley Manor (RVM) residents. Its goal is to protect and enhance the safety, security and welfare of RVM residents. Its primary mission is to support and assist RVM Management in preparing for and responding to emergencies.

Primary activities and operations:

- In an actual or anticipated emergency, RPG will work to ensure that all residents have the most up-to-date and accurate information and instructions from RVM.
- RPG will communicate to RVM Management information about emergency-related problems or resident needs (e.g., injuries, damage, failure of procedures).
- RPG will provide residents with information, and training if appropriate, on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters.
- RPG will support community-building and mutual assistance activities among residents in the interests of increasing emergency preparedness and the effectiveness of responses.
- Other activities may be undertaken by agreement or as need arises.

Organization:

Activities are carried out within a hierarchical organizational (and radio communication) structure.

- Each tower floor, and each cottage neighborhood (typically about 10 residences), has one or more volunteer coordinators who take responsibilities for the activities listed above.
- Tower Floor Coordinators (FCs) communicate with Building Coordinators (BCs). Neighborhoods are grouped into Areas (typically 2-4 neighborhoods) with an Area Coordinator (AC) connecting with the Neighborhood Coordinators (NCs).
- Building and Area Coordinators are the communication links between the local coordinators (Floor and Neighborhood) and the volunteer-staffed emergency radio room, which is in turn linked to the RVM Emergency Incident Commander, and to other resources as appropriate.
- A team of Coordinators and other volunteers provides leadership and management of RPG activities, and liaison with RVM.