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## Important Numbers

- *Fire & Rescue: 911*
- *Fire Dept., Frost Rd.: 314-0100; non-emergency: 798-7000*
- *Sheriff: 281-1400; non-emergency: 798-7000, 768-4160*
- *U.S. Forest Service, Sandia Ranger District: 281-3304; New Mexico State Office: 867-2334*
- *American Red Cross: 265-8514*



# Neighborhood Evacuation Information

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# Disaster Evacuation

Because emergency responder agencies in the East Mountains are understaffed and underfunded, each household should be responsible for its members and each neighborhood should be responsible for its own evacuation. The following tips are useful for evacuating your family members in the event of a disaster such as wildfire.

- Develop an evacuation plan for your household and practice it with the family. Household evacuation plans should include instructions for children if their parents are not home and arrangements for companion animals.
- Put sign in front window alerting the fire department about how many people and pets are in the household.
- Make sure your house number is visible from the street so that emergency vehicles can easily locate it.
- Make sure that emergency responders have easy access to your property. Do not chain or lock gates to your home.
- Consider having hoses and ladders readily available for emergency personnel to use.
- Post emergency telephone number by the telephone or some other easily accessible location.
- Keep original insurance documents, extra prescriptions for needed medicine and other valuable items in a safe place away from your house, such as in a safe deposit box.

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVACUATION

In order to insure that residents of Sandia Knolls will be evacuated in a safe and orderly fashion, the Sandia Knolls Neighborhood Association in conjunction with the Fox Hills Neighborhood Association and Bernalillo County emergency responders is developing an evacuation plan for the Knolls and Fox Hills.

The foundation of this plan is the neighborhood phone tree. When a disaster occurs that requires evacuation, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department will contact one of three designated individuals from Sandia Knolls. That person will contact two to three of his or her neighbors on the phone tree. Those neighbors will in turn contact four or five more neighbors on the phone tree and so on, until everyone who has signed up for the phone tree has been contacted. The neighborhood phone tree ensures that everyone participating in the phone tree will be notified of the disaster and can begin evacuation.

Ideally, each block in the Knolls and Fox Hills should have a block captain. The block captain will volunteer to make certain that all the residents within a four to five house radius have been notified of the evacuation and are able to evacuate. The block captain should know each of his or her neighbors to be able to determine

whether any neighbor has any special needs that should be addressed during an evacuation, such as a physical disability. If necessary, the block captain can notify emergency responders of any special needs.

Finally, a second exit from the Knolls/Fox Hills is critical insuring that both neighborhoods are quickly and safely evacuated. Sandia Knolls residents might consider prioritizing establishing a second exit from the Knolls/Fox Hills a neighborhood.

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