



Security and Emergency
Assistance Program

Block Emergency Kits

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Executive Summary

Objective

Craig Bay has established a Security and Emergency Assistance Program to aid in the development and implementation of the four pillars of Emergency Management. These pillars are

prevention and mitigation

preparedness

response

recovery

The objective of this proposal is to seek funding approval for the purchase of equipment to establish Block Emergency Kits.

Goals

The goal of this proposal is to advance the principals of emergency management within Craig Bay; save lives, preserve the environment and protect property.

The community of Craig Bay has been identifying and developing solutions that are consistent with these goals, going beyond individual to community preparedness. Examples include the mapping of street-side water values, emergency vehicle access assessment, Hazard, Risks and Vulnerabilities studies of community buildings, procurement of communications equipment and alternate power supply and the development of databases for community skills and equipment.

Providing Block Emergency Kits is another step in community preparedness and consistent with the pillars of mitigation, preparedness and response. It will ensure each Block Captain, Co-Captain or designate of the 34 blocks in Craig Bay have the basic tools needed to address common and community based emergencies.



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Solution

The reason for developing a Block Emergency Kit is similar to that of establishing a family emergency kit or grab 'n go kit. It is imperative to have tools and equipment that is dedicated and available to mitigate likely hazards that result from an event. A block captain or designate is entrusted with the equipment and then acts on behalf of their block, to reduce or eliminate the hazard(s).

A prototype of the Block Emergency Kit has been developed by a local resident, Bruce Oman. It contains the majority of likely tools, but the contents may be modified or added to over time.

Currently the kit consists of:

- Plastic storage container with water tight lid
- Street-side valve cover removal tool/hook
- Natural gas valve isolation tool - crescent wrench or valve wrench
- ABC class fire extinguisher
- Water valve shut-off tool
- Rechargeable flashlight (windup style)
- Hatchet
- Whistle
- Crosscut saw - 24" or tree branch trimming saw
- 50' of 1/4 in. rope
- 10" crescent wrench
- Work gloves
- Area map showing location of shutoff valves
- Safety glasses

The contents are appropriate to deal with likely hazards and mitigate dangers from natural gas leaks, water main breaks, fires and downed trees.

The cost to establish the kit was approximately \$180.00. This cost may decrease based on volume and discount price opportunities, but for planning purposes, the \$180.00 per unit cost is used for developing a budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Community Lands Committee support the implementation of, and provide funding for, the purchase of equipment to establish a maximum of thirty-four (34) Block Emergency Kits to a maximum dollar value of six thousand one hundred and twenty dollars (\$6,120.00).