

Volunteer Opportunities

The Village of Inverness Citizen Corps Council is proud to partner with the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District in providing opportunities for volunteer work.

The Council provides support to the District Fire Corps program through facilities, training and administrative support.

The Fire Corps helps build local capacity by connecting community volunteers who can assist in a variety of non-emergency roles

If you are interested in learning



Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, truck #36

more about personal preparedness or volunteering to support our community preparedness efforts, please contact Battalion

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Inverness Citizen Corps Council

The Inverness Citizen Corps Council is committed to aiding residents and businesses in preparing to respond and recover from emergencies and disasters.

Although the Village does not often experience disasters, emergencies occur within the community. Training, equipment and knowledge dramatically improve ones ability to survive unusual situations.

Following are some tips for safety as well as links to some of reliable websites.

FIRE SAFETY

Illinois ranks above the National Fire Death Rate (14.2 per million, 13.2 is average). The rate varies due to factors such as climate, poverty, and education. Fire "season" generally peaks around the winter holidays (10% of occurrences in January & December). 30% of home fires are caused by cooking accidents, 17% from electrical malfunctions and 14% from other careless actions. The US Fire Administration has excellent preparedness and recovery information available on their website at www.usfa.dhs.gov

POWER OUTAGES

Power outages are caused not only by severe weather including thunderstorms, winter storms and ice storms, but also by brown-outs, black-outs and problems to the electric generation, supply, and deliv-

ery system (power plant, substations, transmission lines, transformers and delivery lines).

While most power outages last for a short time, disasters can cause extended outages.

Sump pump failure: Most insurance policies specifically exclude damages attributed to sump pump failure. Your sump requires electricity to work. Most outages are associated with rain or thunderstorms so a failure of your sump from an electric shortage will likely occur at the same time as a threat from groundwater intrusion. Installing a battery back-up system can mitigate failure. You should also ensure that your sump pump is included in the systems covered by your generator.

Well head and pump: In Inverness, well and septic are the norm. Your home likely has a well head and septic field to manage your water and sewage. Unlike municipal water sources, a power outage will mean that you do not have tap water or water for your bathroom facilities. "Clean" water can be found in your water heater and the water you have stored in your disaster supply kit. Other or "dirty" water (pool, rain barrel, pond, etc.) can be used to flush toilets.

Generators: "Backfeed" occurs when a generator is plugged into a household circuit without switching the main breaker to "Off". The electrical current, may reverse and energize power lines in other buildings or homes without the knowledge of utility workers or other individuals, putting them at risk of possible electrocution. Always use precaution and



A pastoral setting doesn't preclude disasters and emergency occurrences.

follow manufacturer instructions when using generator power.

Additional Items:

Phone service is not necessarily interrupted by a power outage but if you have only digital or cordless phones, you may not be able to communicate in a power outage. Keep at least one analog phone with a corded handset in the home for use during outages. Also, if you are worried about the phone lines

being overwhelmed following a storm, dialing your first call with a calling card will allow you to make additional calls to family, friends and emergency services without hanging up the handset to redial. Some calling cards expire so be sure to maintain your card. Cellular phone service will only be available if the infrastructure is not damaged.

Your refrigerator will keep your food cold for a short period (4 – 6 hours) and a full freezer for up to two days with the doors closed. The time lessens for frozen based on the amount of food – 1 ½ days if ¾ full, 1 day if ½ full, ½ day if ¼ full, etc.

OTHER DISASTERS

The Federal government and the State of Illinois have excellent resources for personal safety and recovery from the impacts of other disasters. We recommend that you become familiar with both of their websites: www.Ready.gov and www.Ready.Illinois.gov.