

Where Will You Be When the Disaster Strikes?

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What If You Are ...

- At home?
- At work (or school)?
- Traveling out of town (or the country)?
- In a park?
- Swimming or boating?
- On a hiking trail?
- At a parade?



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Just Think ...

**About everything you do in life,
and where you might be when
a disaster or catastrophe strikes**



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My Greatest Fear



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Will You Need To ...

- Run to higher ground?
- Quickly duck under a shelter?
- Evacuate with little notice?
- Shelter in place?
- Essentially “camp out”
in your own yard?



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Emergency Communications

- Is essential
 - In disaster and catastrophe situations
 - To save lives
 - yours, your family, and others
- Is in great peril if we do not first address Emergency Preparedness
 - Hence, the title of this workshop



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One Cannot

- Be an effective emergency communicator if they:
 - Are unsure about the safety of their family
 - Do not survive as a result of being poorly prepared
- Effectively help their community if they are not prepared themselves



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Four Stages of Preparedness Denial

1. It won't happen
2. If it does happen, it won't happen to me
3. If it does happen to me, it won't be that bad
4. If it happens to me and it's bad, there is nothing I can do to stop it anyway



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Coming Up Next ...

- Environmental and Psychological Aspects of Emergency Communications in Disasters
 - Mental and Physical Preparation
 - Interpersonal Communication Skills
 - Personal and Family Psychology
 - Impact on worker of disaster support work
 - Psychological problems arising from disaster work



Coming Up Later Today ...

- Personal and Family Preparedness
 - Medical
 - Shelter
 - Water
 - Emergency Food Preparedness
 - Essentials of your personal/family Go Kit
 - Family communications plan



Coming Up Later Today ...

- Emergency/Disaster Communications
 - Effective Emergency Communications with a Handheld Radio
 - Digital Data Modes
 - Enhanced Operating
 - Emergency Setup and Repairs
 - Essentials of your Radio Go Kit
 - “On the Air” During An Emergency



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Coming Up Later Today ...

- Opportunities for improving your skills and abilities
 - Community service (parades, athletic events, etc.)
 - RACES / ARES / ACS / CERT
 - Passing messages
 - Nets
 - Seminars
 - Workshops



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