

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Terrorism . . .

TERRORISM is the use of force or violence against persons or property in violation of the criminal laws of the United States for purposes of intimidation, coercion, or ransom. Terrorists often use threats to:

- 1) Create fear among the public;
- 2) Try to convince citizens their government is powerless to prevent terrorism; and/or
- 3) To get immediate publicity for their causes.

Acts of terrorism include threats of terrorism; assassinations; kidnappings; hijackings; bomb scares and bombings; cyber attacks (computer based); and the use of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons. Within the immediate area of a terrorist event, you would need to rely on police, fire and other officials for instructions, however you can prepare in much the same way you would prepare for any other crisis events. The following are general guidelines:

- 1) Be aware of your surroundings.
- 2) Move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- 3) Take precautions when traveling. Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior. Do not accept packages from strangers. Do not leave luggage unattended. You should promptly report any unusual behavior, suspicious or unattended packages, and/or strange devices to the police or security personnel.
- 4) Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent. Plan how you would get out in the event of an emergency.
- 5) Be prepared to do without services you normally depend on—electricity; telephone; natural gas; gasoline pumps; cash registers; ATMs, and Internet transactions.

Terrorists have frequently used explosive devices as one of their most common weapons. Terrorists do not have to look far to find out how to make explosive devices. The information is readily available in books and other information sources. If there is an explosion, you should:

1. Get under a sturdy table or desk if things are falling around you. When they stop falling, leave quickly, watching for obviously weakened floors and stairways.
2. Leave the building as quickly as possible, do not stop to retrieve personal possessions or make phone calls.
3. Do not use elevators.

Once you are out:

1. Do not stand in front of windows, glass doors, or other potentially hazardous areas.
2. Move away from sidewalks or streets to be used by emergency officials or others still exiting the building.

If you are trapped in debris:

1. If possible, use a flashlight to signal your location to rescuers.
2. Avoid unnecessary movement so you don't kick up dust.
3. Cover your nose & mouth. Dense-weave cotton material can act as a good filter. Try to breath through the material.
4. Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can hear you.
5. If possible, use a whistle to signal rescuers.
6. Shout only as a last resort as shouting can cause a person to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE!

Knowledge and preparation are your best defense and are your responsibility! For more information on EMERGENCY PLANNING, call 503.982.9429, or visit our website at www.cityofhubbard.org.



SAVING WATER MAKES CENTS!!

Following are a few simple water-use tips which can help you save money on your water bill! Smart water use stretches our water resources, and is a much less-expensive option than planning and implementing new water supply sources—which can take years to develop!

- Water your lawn only when it needs it! A good way to determine if your lawn needs water is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering. Letting the grass grow taller (3") will also promote water retention in the soil.
- Water during the early parts of the day and avoid watering when it is windy.
- Add organic matter and use efficient watering systems for your landscape.
- Plant drought resistant lawns, shrubs and plants.
- Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.
- Don't forget to check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets & couplings. Leaks outside may not seem as bad as inside leaks since they are not as visible, but they can be just as wasteful!

MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- The "D" Street Water Line Project is complete! This was a sub-project of ODOT's Signal Replacement. We expect ODOT will begin construction on the signal project later this summer!
- It is anticipated that, weather permitting, by the time you read this newsletter—the FY 2008/09 Street Improvements Project should be complete!
- Public Works has begun our annual street-striping, which should be complete just in time for the HOPS Festival!
- The City has applied for another Special City Allotment Grant for improvements on 1st Street. If awarded, this project will take place during the 2009/10 construction season.

As always, we appreciate your patience and use of other routes (whenever possible) during construction!

UNTIL NEXT TIME . . .

Hubbard Public Works