

# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Working with neighbors can save lives and property.
- Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives.
- If you are a member of a neighborhood organization, such as a home association or crime watch group, introduce disaster preparedness as a new activity.
- Know your neighbors special skills (e.g., medical, technical)
- Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons.
- Make plans for child care in case parents cannot get home.
- Pick two places to meet:
  - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
  - Outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your family contact. After disaster, it is often easier to call long distance than locally. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact phone number.