

## **PC-NET** **(Pierce County – Neighborhood Emergency Teams)**

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The Edgewood Police Department has been working in cooperation with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to form a Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team (**PC-NET**) in Edgewood.

### **WHAT IS A PC-NET?**

PC-NET is a proactive effort to organize community volunteers into response teams capable of assisting and supplementing First Responders in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

### **WHO ARE MEMBERS OF PC-NET?**

Although PC-NET is organized and supported by the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, it is really a collection of local neighbors, First Responders and City staff working in concert with one another.

### **WHY DO WE NEED PC-NET?**

History has shown us that in times of crisis, by nature people try to help those who cannot help themselves. PC-NET recognizes that fact and works to pre-coordinate a response effort prior to any actual crisis. This type of proactive planning takes a very small investment of time, but saves countless hours of coordinating a response in the event of a major event.

### **WHAT WILL I BE DOING AS A PC-NET VOLUNTEER?**

The teams are divided into the following seven groups:

- **Communications**
- **First Aid**
- **Damage Assessment**
- **Safety and Security, Light Search and Rescue**
- **Sheltering and Special Needs**
- **Neighborhood Action Team**

Based on your experience, skill and ability, you can select the position or group that best fits you.

### **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN PC-NET?**

To learn more about PC-Net you can visit Pierce County's website at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/pcnet.htm> or contact the Department of Emergency Management by using the information listed below.

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