



SNAP Training Program

The seven-weeks of instruction will be of great benefit to you, your family and neighbors. It will also be a lot of fun! Plan on attending each class to get the most out of this valuable training. A certificate of completion will be issued to all SNAP participants who take the entire series of classes.

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Suppression
- Incident Command System
- Understanding Terrorism
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Critical Incident Stress Management & START Triage
- Safety Assessment & Light Search and Rescue
- Hands-on Disaster Exercise

"It's easy to put disasters in the back of our minds letting our daily life's priorities take center stage. But are we ready? Do we each have the ability and understanding to handle disasters? The SNAP Program provides the key survival elements needed for most disasters and the skills you learn can help save lives."

Arley C. Marley III
SNAP Captain for over 10 years

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It's A SNAP When We Work Together!

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“SNAP provides us, as citizens of Sunnyvale, a valuable opportunity to be trained and prepared for emergency events. Each of us must be ready to help our families as well as our neighbors in any emergency situation.”

***Ray and Jerilyn Strong
SNAP Volunteers***

Why SNAP?

Following a disaster, emergency services personnel may be unavailable to meet the demands of our community. The emergency services that you have come to expect through 9-1-1 at a moment's notice, such as police, fire, medical, etc. may be dispatched elsewhere. As we witnessed during previous disasters, people initially have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs. In an effort to prepare residents of Sunnyvale to protect family and property, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Office of Emergency Services developed the SNAP Training Program. The purpose of SNAP is to provide Sunnyvale residents with the tools to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a disaster.

What is SNAP?

SNAP is an award-winning and proven method of community emergency response that is activated by trained citizens during and/or immediately following a disaster. SNAP is based upon residents coming together and working with the City to learn about disasters. SNAP is about preparedness and empowering Sunnyvale residents to *do “the greatest good for the greatest number of people.”*



SNAP was put to the test in October 1989 during the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Although Sunnyvale was not severely affected, residents experienced some of the same problems that impacted the entire San Francisco Bay Area: power outages, telephone service disruption, gas leaks and toppled chimneys. Parents were stuck in traffic, making it difficult to get home to their children. SNAP participants responded to neighborhood needs by replacing panic with productive action.

How is SNAP Organized?

City and volunteer staff designed a comprehensive program which includes training by professionals on Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety & Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, START Triage, Safety/Damage Assessment, Incident Command System, Understanding Terrorism, Critical Incident Stress Management and Light Search & Rescue. The SNAP Training Program (seven-weeks of instruction), will culminate in a hands-on disaster exercise where students apply their newly acquired skills. The training format allows for individuals to take one or all of the sessions. However, participants are encouraged to complete the entire SNAP Training Program.

What are the Benefits to Participating in SNAP?

The benefits to participating in SNAP are many. You will: 1) acquire skills that will enable you to protect your family and property; 2) be able to identify with the President's Citizen Corps, a program that encourages citizens to give back to their communities; 3) be provided the opportunity to network with your immediate neighbors and other Sunnyvale residents; and 4) establish a partnership with the City and when the situation arises, help the community recover from a disaster.

How Can I Become Involved in SNAP?

Classes are offered on a quarterly basis. Please refer to our website www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/public-safety/oes/ or call 408-730-7190 for a current list of dates and locations.

What Does it Cost to Take the SNAP Training?

The City provides this training at no cost to its residents, with the exception of the American Red Cross Basic First Aid & Adult CPR course. All that is required is your time and participation. By becoming a community response team member you will help save lives and reduce the cost of disasters in our City.

