



ISLAND PREPAREDNESS GROUP EWA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (EWA EPC)

WHO WE ARE:

The Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) is made up of "volunteers" working with the "community" and government agencies "to better prepare Ewa Beach" and surrounding communities for an "All Hazard Event" (natural disasters such as hurricanes or man-made disasters such as acts of terrorism).

PURPOSE:

To educate/train the community of Ewa Beach about the different types of disasters, how to prepare, respond to and recover from an "All Hazard Event". Our focus is to establish procedures that are designed to educate, organize, assist, and support residents if the need should arise.

GOALS:

- Educate/Train Ewa Beach to be better prepared to respond and recover from disasters
- Procure resources from the public and private sector to aid in response and recovery for our community
- Work with Department of Emergency Management, First Responders, Hawaii State Civil Defense, and The American Red Cross on preparedness issues.



EWA EPC Fair - 2013



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HISTORY:

Ewa EPC formed in March 2011 when Ewa Beach residents experienced a windstorm causing community power outages, then the Japan "Tohoku" Earthquake and Tsunami Warnings.

It was recognized that Ewa Beach needed to be better prepared for a disaster, to learn how to survive and how to fully recover. Ewa Beach supports the largest and fastest growing population on Oahu. This includes a significant number of elderly and individuals with access and functional needs that may not be able to support themselves in disaster events.

EWA EPC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Planning our 4th Annual "Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair" (September 6, 2014)
 - Preparedness Kits, Products, Speakers, Shelter Exercise, CERT Training Modules & Preparedness
- Training Courses/Preparedness Seminars in Ewa Beach
 - First Aid, CPR/AED Certification Training
 - Hands Only CPR/AED to EMMS, 8th Grade Class
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - American Red Cross (ARC) Training
 - Disaster Services: An Overview
 - Disaster Assessment Basics
 - Shelter Operations / Logistics Support
 - Pacific Disaster Preparedness Training (PDPTC)
 - National Disaster Preparedness Training (NDPTC)
 - Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)
 - NOAA & National Weather Service
- 2013 - Ewa **designated a StormReady & TsunamiReady Community**, a Nationally Recognized Program by NOAA.
- 2014 - **Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana (PRiMO) Partnership Award**



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EWA EPC FUTURE PROJECTS:

- Work with schools and the Hawaii Heart Foundation to get students and staff CPR/AED trained
- Procure grant funding and enlist the support from corporate and private businesses to acquire:
 - Emergency Shelter-In-Place Kits for schools in the event of a emergency lock-down situation or disaster
 - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for schools
- Expand Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in Ewa
- Organize CERT Teams in Neighborhoods & Schools to make Ewa EPC an action committee, working with HFD, HPD, DEM & American Red Cross.
- Ewa EPC meets monthly, call for dates and times.



Hands-only CPR @ Ewa Makai Middle School



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