



In 95% of all emergencies...bystanders or victims provide the first immediate assistance on the scene.

Are You Ready?

Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC)

Who We Are:

The Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) is made up of local volunteers donating their time to work with the community to better prepare for an "All Hazard Event" (i.e. natural disasters such as hurricanes or man-made disasters such as terrorist attacks).

Ewa EPC was formed in March 2011, in response to a windstorm that caused community power outages followed by the Japan "Tohoku" Earthquake and Tsunami Warnings. It was recognized that Ewa Beach community needed to be better prepared for a disaster, learn to survive and how to fully recover. Since its formation, Ewa EPC has:

- Been recognized by NOAA as a storm-ready & tsunami ready community
- Been given the PRiMO (Pacific Risk Management, 'Ohana) Partnership Award
- Recognized by the Honolulu City Council.
- Organized an Community Emergency Response Team.

Mission:

To establish procedures for the community of Ewa Beach that are designed to organize, assist, educate, support, and train residents on how to prepare for, respond to, and assist in the recovery of an "All Hazards Event."



How We Help the Community Prepare:

Ewa EPC focuses on outreach and training to reach as many community residents as possible. Two of the biggest ways Ewa EPC helps prepare the community are through the "Get Ready Ewa Beach" Emergency Preparedness Fair, CERT training and other classes.

Annual “Get Ready Ewa Beach” Emergency Preparedness Fair

Held every year in early September at the Ewa Makai Elementary School, this event is FREE and open to the public. The purpose of the fair is to provide community residents with the opportunity to see and talk about what is needed in an emergency preparedness kit and preview emergency response training. The event is attended by a number of organizations and first responders who host their own booth that provides community residents with tools, information, and the chance to experience training first hand to help them better prepare their families for an “All Hazards Event”.



CERT Training Program



CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team, educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as team organization, fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search & rescue, by using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. These classes are open to the community

and are publicized via the Ewa EPC’s Facebook page and website. In addition to the 20 hours of training, after which volunteers are awarded a certificate, CERT refresher classes are also held on the second Wednesday of every month. Community residents are encouraged to attend a refresher course to learn more about CERT before committing to the full certificate program.

Contact Us:

Community residents can connect with Ewa EPC and learn more about upcoming trainings, events, and volunteer opportunities via these sources:

- **WEBSITE** - learn more about this organization, upcoming events, and see pictures of past events at www.ewaepc.com.
- **FACEBOOK** – like us @ EWA EPC
- **EMAIL or Call** – send an email to ewaepc@gmail.com or call 808-682-0111 to speak to someone directly.