



Tornado



Lightning/Flooding



Fire



Earthquake

ARE YOU READY FOR ONE OF THESE TO HAPPEN TO YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY?

The following message is brought to you by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry Team with the goal of helping local churches in:

PREPAREDNESS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To this end, every IKC church is receiving copies of the revised Emergency Flip Chart booklet with several important features:

- ✚ Facility name and address for emergency responders
- ✚ Phone numbers for emergency response, insurance companies, IKC conference office
- ✚ Response actions for: Water Contamination, Biological Hazard, Medical, Firearm Attack, Flood, Gas Leak, Bomb Threat, Tornado, Fire, Earthquake, Structural Collapse, and Talking to Media
- ✚ Specific actions to do in each event
- ✚ Specific actions NOT to do in some events (e.g. During a bomb threat, DO NOT use cell phones)
- ✚ Pre-designated rendezvous locations for evacuations
- ✚ Provides guidance at a critical and highly stressful time of crisis

It is imperative that each church be prepared by performing the following actions because according to Murphy's Law, "If a crisis can happen, it will."

- ❖ Determine the appropriate emergency phone number for your community (some do not use 911)
- ❖ Appoint specific persons to enter information into the flip charts
- ❖ Strategically locate flip charts with ready accessibility (near a phone)
- ❖ Plan and conduct an annual evacuation drill.
- ❖ Appoint people to conduct periodic inspections of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and exit signs
- ❖ Provide and/or regularly re-supply first aid kits
- ❖ Inform the congregation and staff that the emergency flip charts exist and identify their locations

Being prepared and able to managed these crises will allow us to respond in a manner to lessen a crisis, bring appropriate resources to bear on the situation, and minister to those affected by the event in each of our churches and our communities.

If you never have to use this emergency flip chart then it will be a perfect success. But, remember Murphy's Law and be prepared.