

Block Captain Training

Thank you!

What have I gotten myself into?

- Assist and serve your neighbors during times of disaster.
- Help the city quickly determine where our limited resources are needed most.
- Responsible for no more than 10 homes.

Before the Disaster....

- Meet at least once a year with all members of your block.
 - Discuss preparedness strategies.
 - Review specific neighborhood plans.
 - Learn and review vital information about all family members.
- Ask for each homeowner's consent before acting as a block captain on their property.
- Discuss any special skills and equipment neighbors may have.

Before the Disaster....

- Walk through or talk about a disaster scenario.
 - See how you would respond.
 - Inform others of your responsibilities.

Before the Disaster....

- Steps to consider during the disaster scenario:
 1. Take care of your own family first.
 2. Check on other homes on your block.
 3. Make sure homes are safe for entrance.
 4. Document any damage or injuries.
- Make sure your neighbors understand these steps!

Before the Disaster....

- Our new philosophy:

“Everyone a Block Captain”

- What if the Block Captain is not around?
- What if the Co-Captain is not around either?
- Someone else needs to check on the block!
- Who?
- Any neighbor who is familiar with the disaster-communication procedures and capable can check the block.

Safety Concerns

- Home Building Inspection
- Fire Suppression
- Search and Triage

Home/Building Inspection

- Do NOT enter a neighbor's home if it is unsafe.
- Look for:
 - Roof Sagging
 - Large cracks in sections of the structure
 - Brick or masonry chimney leaning towards the structure
 - Exterior walls leaning out of plumb

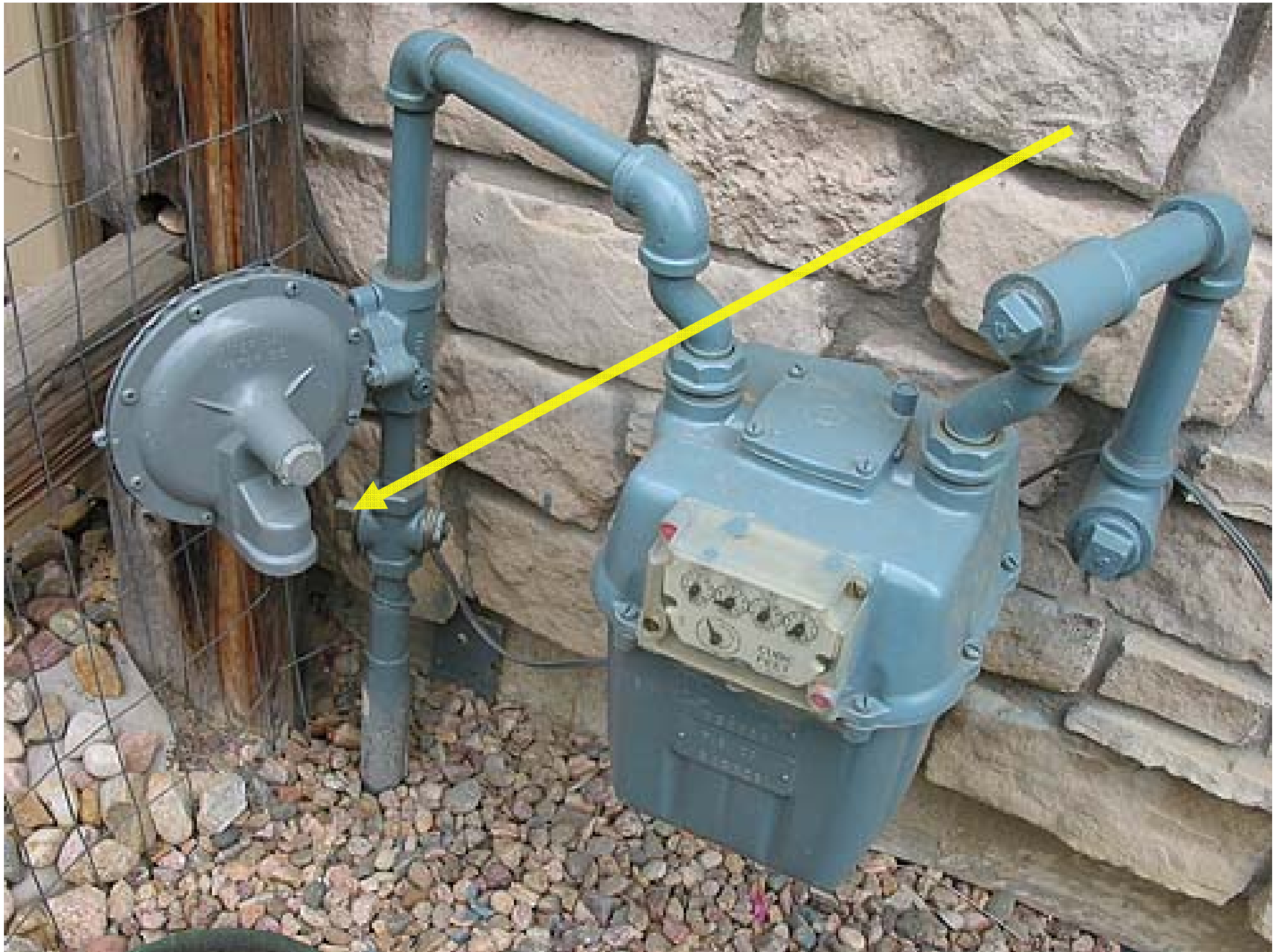
Home/Building Inspection

- Look for:
 - Natural gas odor
 - Broken or loose electrical wires
 - Dangerous trees
 - Popping or cracking noise
 - Broken glass above the entry point











Home/Building Inspection

- Once inside, continue to look for damage.
 - Large open cracks
 - Natural gas smells
 - Sagging beams across openings
 - Deformed studs in open bearing walls



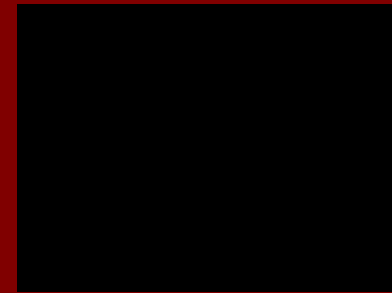


Fire Suppression

- Fire requires four ingredients to burn:
 - Fuel
 - Heat
 - Oxygen
 - Chemical Reaction

Fire Suppression

- But remember:
 - You are not a firefighter!
- Be careful.
 - Fires double in size every minute.
 - A fire extinguisher can put out a fire the size of a 55-gallon drum.



Fire Suppression

- Types of fires:
 - Class A—Ordinary solid materials
 - Class B—Flammable liquids
 - Class C—Electrical Equipment
 - Class D—Combustible Metals



Fire Suppression

- How to extinguish Small Fires:
 - Do not consider yourself an expert.
 - Have the correct fire extinguisher for the type of fire.
 - Have a buddy
 - PASS
 - Pull
 - Aim
 - Squeeze
 - Sweep

Search and Triage

- Finding Victims and Basic Treatment
 - ABCs
 - Airway—Check for breathing
 - Head tilt-chin lift method
 - Listen
 - Bleeding—Check for major bleeding.
 - Pressure points
 - Bandages
 - Circulation—Shock
 - Signs
 - Treatment

Flagging

- Flag your own home first.
 - Green, Yellow, Red
- Train others to flag their own home.
- Check and flag unflagged homes.
- Check all homes before you commit your time to any one victim.
- Recruit others to assist you.

Document and Report

- This is the Final step.
- This is the most important step.

Document and Report

- Documentation
 - Seen as a nuisance.
 - Saves duplicating efforts.
 - Helps you remember important facts.
 - Ensures accuracy during reporting.
- This is the most important step.

Document and Report

- Block Captains report to the Neighborhood Captain, or the LDS bishop (or his designee) of the neighborhood's ward.
- Neighborhood Captain (Bishop) reports to the Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator, or the LDS Stake President (or his designee) of the neighborhood.
- Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator (Stake President) reports to the City Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Conclusion

- Block Captains are not new.
- Coordination of Block Captains in the City of Orem is new.
- Professional responders will not be able to respond everywhere immediately.
- Many hands helping will make response easier.
- Our community will be greatly served by your efforts.