

Mr. Mayor, City Councilors, we are a group of town residents forming a community action team – Our mission is to educate the public on emergency preparedness and provide resources to the town in the event of a disaster. We have been organizing and laying groundwork for several months and we wanted to formally introduce ourselves. We are the Aurora Community Preparedness Team.

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, emergency services will likely be overwhelmed and unable to respond to most calls. This is compounded by the fact that Aurora is a rural community. In the case of a long-term or wide-spread disaster, we may be on our own for several months or longer. Because of this, we must be able take care of ourselves and our community until outside help arrives.

Over the coming year, we are hosting and planning public events to educate the citizens and grow our organization. These events range from CPR/First Aid, gardening and canning, Survival skills, HAM radio communications, food & water storage, and more. This will help the citizens of Aurora prepare themselves and build a culture of preparedness for the community.

Another objective is to help the people of Aurora grow closer and stronger as a community through the Map Your Neighborhood Program. This can help identify people with extra or special needs that require more care, as well as people with needed skills – i.e. medical, engineering, food preservation etc.

Aurora Community Preparedness seeks to foster a working relationship with the Aurora city government be it official or unofficial. Working together will give our citizens the best chance to make it through a disaster. Regardless of the City's official position, we will continue to move ahead and prepare our town.

Thank you.

OUR NEXT EVENT – CPR/First Aid Training 2/29 @ 8am @ the Pythian Hall.