

# DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM



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## Primary Responsibilities

The Damage Assessment Team has two primary functions. The **preliminary responsibility** of this team is to gather and relay information about the extent of damage in your neighborhood, such as:

- ◆ Fire, flooding, landslides
- ◆ Damage to utilities (gas, electrical and water lines)
- ◆ Structural damage (e.g., homes off their foundations, structures that are unsafe and uninhabitable due to damaged chimneys, broken windows, jammed front doors, etc.)
- ◆ Location of trapped victims
- ◆ Other hazards (e.g., downed trees, power lines, fractures in streets)

The neighborhood Radio Team leader will collect the damage assessment reports, review them and generate an ICS-213 general message following the ABCs; Accurate, Brief and Concise and pass to the neighborhood ham using FRS radio.



Neighbors who assist with the preliminary damage assessment will primarily gather information. **Only in situations of imminent danger**, such as the smell of gas, **is any actual action taken by this team** as it is more important to quickly determine the scope of the disaster and the appropriate response.

The **second responsibility** of this team entails gathering detailed, post-disaster information to be used by the City's Emergency Operations Center to evaluate the severity of damage and to strategize its response and recovery efforts.