

## **A Cascadia Rising report from Ann Johnson, MYN Captain for Lazy J/Gehrke Road Neighborhood**

This is a report for our MYN exercise on June 16, 2022.

### Gehrke Road MYN Process

- Gehrke Road has 50 homes and is divided into three units.
  - Each unit has a 'communicator' who collects information for their unit
  - Each unit has 4 'first checkers' who check on neighbors close to them and report to the "unit communicator" at the gathering place
  - The 'unit communicator' radios the reports (or hand carries) to the MYN Captain when checking is complete.
  - The report is made ready for the CERT Team.
  - Evaluation of the exercise using the process above.
  - We asked every family to stand still for 5 minutes at 9:00, then to check their family and utilities locations, then to let their 'first checker' know their situation using the Help/OK sign or personal contact. Most used personal contact on the road.
  - Of the 12 'first checkers', only two did not participate so the "communicator" assigned someone else to check on those homes.
  - In the neighborhood, 10 families do not participate in anything so we marked them OK.
  - Radios worked well and temporary gathering places helped support the 'communicators' for this rapid check of families.
  - The report forms we created for 'first checkers' and 'communicators' worked well.
  - The MYN Captain had the report ready for the CERT team in 2 hours.
    - We all agreed that this was a good practice and that everything would take longer in a real event.
- Gehrke Road will have a summer potluck to review the comments on this program.



**We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ann Johnson and her team on 12 years of MYN organization and readiness. Their example is an inspiration to other neighborhoods and our entire organization. Well done!!**