

PSA Educational Moment for June 6, 2019

What is PSA?

In Thursday evening Yellow Radio call-ins throughout June this year, we will be talking about PSA for our educational moments and drills.

Although the initials PSA have many other meanings, in our context they stand for Preliminary Safety Assessment. PSA is an activity that the EVCNB is starting to develop, for use during a disaster or other substantial local emergency. PSAs are done to help local emergency response officials get a quick, brief – and yes, preliminary – general assessment of the damage to life, property and infrastructure. Fire Chief Perry Sherbaugh and Emergency Manager Gordon McCraw will use this information to determine the scale of the emergency and obtain needed assistance for our area residents and visitors at the earliest possible time.

When a disaster occurs, as always, your first responsibility will be to assess and ensure your own safety and that of your family. Remember you'll need a GoBag, a Family Plan, and knowledge of your Evacuation Route to help you do this. The PSAs will occur after that. PSA information includes counts of injuries to persons, building structural damage, and infrastructure damage such as burst water or sewer mains or impassable roads. This information is collected and transmitted by local Yellow Radio users with additional training, using a form we will discuss next week.

Join us for the rest of this month for more details on PSAs and how you can participate. This week's drill offers an opportunity to practice observation skills

that will be useful in doing a PSA. Please report to your Zone Net Control tonight the number of houses you can see from your front window, and the number of those that are currently occupied.