

PSA Ed Moment
What is a PSA form and how does it work?

Tonight's education moment is the second of four that we will be having in June about PSA. As you remember from last week's education moment, PSA stands for *Preliminary Safety Assessment*, and is an activity that EVCNB is developing for use during a disaster or any substantial local emergency. If you missed last week's education moment on *What is PSA?*, you can find a copy on the EVCNB website. Click on the Emergency Communication tab under Yellow Radio. Click on "Learning Events from Thursday's Net".

We talked last time about the information to be collected in the PSAs – about injuries to persons, building structure damage and infrastructure damage. This information is collected by Yellow Radio users who have had additional training. Each zone will have several PSA assessors. These PSA assessors walk their street or neighborhood in pairs after the disaster event recording the assessment elements using a one-page form. The form can be found at the EVCNB website [here](#).

The first part of the form concerns life safety issues – how many people are seen by the assessors to have injuries or other health emergencies (categorized from minor to major) and what other emergencies such as active fires or impassable roads exist. The second part of the form is about damage to buildings in the area. This assessment is about how the buildings appear from the street as the team walks by – are parts of the building missing or askew? The PSA team also notes whether there are power lines down, burst water or sewer lines, or leaking propane tanks.

For this week's PSA drill – we are asking you to answer the question: “ Do the power lines come into your house from above or below ground? Please report this information to your Zone Net Control tonight after you check in.