

PSA Educational Moment for June 20, 2019

Observing and Reporting Hazards in Your Neighborhood

Tonight's educational moment is the third of four in June about PSA. As you remember from the last two weeks, PSA stands for *Preliminary Safety Assessment*, and is an activity that the EVCNB is developing for use during a disaster or other substantial local emergency. If you missed the first two PSA Ed Moments you can find copies on the EVCNB website. Click on the Emergency Communication tab under Yellow Radio, then click on "Learning Events from Thursday's Net."

We talked last time about the PSA form on which information is written by local Yellow Radio users. These PSA assessors in each Zone walk their street or neighborhood, in pairs, after the disaster event recording their observations upon a one-page form. The form may be found on the EVCNB website.

One part of the form concerns damage to buildings in the area as well as hazards observed. Examples of hazards to record include burst water or sewer lines and leaking propane tanks. Next month's Educational Moments will cover in more detail how to recognize and address these hazards if you find them in or near your home. Another important hazard to note and record is the presence of downed or damaged power lines. Of critical importance is information about the electrical transformers that are attached to some power poles. These transformers are used for converting higher distribution voltage to the 120/240 volt power used by homes. They contain oil that can spill if the transformer falls.

As our PSA drill this week we are asking you to locate the electrical transformer nearest your house. Is it on your side of the street or the other side, and is it visible to you from within your house? Please report this information to your Zone Net Control after you check in.