

“Hurricane, tornado, flood, or wildfire, the 4-H Community Readiness Network helps communities and families improve their ability to be prepared during an emergency. By using available technologies, 4-H youth educate community members and leaders about available local resources. By incorporating geospatial knowledge, youth assist in the distribution of shelter and evacuation maps or create these needed resources, ensuring the safety and well being of many.”

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COMMUNITIES

TECHNOLOGY

4-H YOUTH



***Are you prepared
for an emergency?***



"The 4-H Youth Development Program and the Community Readiness Network is a perfect match. Community service has always been an important part of the 100-year-old 4-H youth development program. Through community service, youth are able to use skills acquired through their 4-H projects to help their community. The CRN focus is on helping communities prepare for emergencies and disasters, and 4-H youth are the perfect vessel for helping their community do just that."

COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT

"4-H youth and leaders have always embraced the newest, most progressive technologies of their day. In keeping with the 4-H motto, today's youth utilize geospatial technology to assist their communities on a variety of issues which ultimately make their world and our future the best, most prepared it can be."

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

"The best thing that the citizens can do for themselves is prepare their household and family ahead of time for a major disaster."

CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

4-H YOUTH: A COMMUNITY RESOURCE



- Demonstrating leadership skills by working with emergency managers and community leaders
- Conducting inventories of available emergency resources
- Teaching community members about emergency management resources such as 96-hour backpacks
- Learning about Incident Command Systems (ICS) and School Emergency Response Training (SERT) in order to assist in a disaster
- Educating communities about emergency management plans

TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION



- Computer skills increase access to emergency resources that will benefit local communities
- Dynamic Web sites aid emergency personnel by providing targeted alert information
- Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) provides a research-based clearing house of emergency resources www.eden.lsu.edu
- Global Positioning System (GPS) units provide data needed to map potential disaster sites
- Geographic Information System (GIS) technology creates evacuation and shelter maps

COMMUNITY IMPACTS



- Communities recognize teens as a viable resource
- Communities inventory their disaster preparedness resources
- Communities increase awareness and interest in preparing for emergencies and access information about disaster preparedness
- Communities develop disaster preparedness training resources that can be replicated at other sites.
- Businesses improve their readiness and recovery capabilities