



## Emergency and Disaster Planning Questionnaire

In conjunction with neighboring fire and emergency services, the Fort Ross VFD is spearheading an effort to create a comprehensive emergency response plan for our area. To launch our project, we are asking that you help us by filling in and mailing the following questionnaire.

With this questionnaire, we are hoping to collect more accurate information about the addresses and households in our response area so that we might more easily locate community members in the event of any emergency. Secondly, we are interested in learning what skills and equipment our local residents might be willing to offer to aid our community in the event of a disaster.

### **The 911 Dispatch System and the VFD—How do we find you?**

When you call 911 from a land-line (not cellular) phone, your address pops up on a computer screen at the 911 dispatch center. The address that shows is the physical address that the **phone company** has on their records. This address is typically all the information that we get to find you—your name and other information are not broadcast in the initial emergency dispatch. Unfortunately, in our neighborhood, the address that shows up in the computer often does not correspond to where your house really is. Say we are dispatched to 55555 Fort Ross Road, but your house is really located on a dirt road four miles from Fort Ross Road—you know who you are! And mostly, so do we. But mistakes happen, and our records aren't perfect. **Please help us help you by verifying, correcting or adding pertinent information to the attached document.**

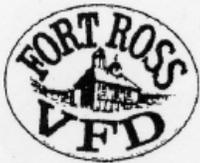
You can also help us by insuring that you have a reflective road sign with your street number clearly visible, and that you have a VFD lock on your gate or have provided us with your gate combo.

We will enter this information in our "Run Book," a list of names and addresses that we use to locate you in the event that a 911 call is made from your home. This information is confidential and will stay in the hands of the fire department unless we have a major fire or event, when the run book will be available to incoming firefighters from other areas. Additionally, we will provide phone numbers so that in an emergency, you can be contacted. If there is a question in the attached questionnaire that makes you uncomfortable, just skip it—but help us by sending what you can.

### **Disaster Preparedness:**

**Community participation is crucial for a good emergency plan.** There are over three hundred residents and 55 square miles in our response area, yet there are only twenty-four members in the VFD. Rural areas typically are not at the top of the list to get help from outside agencies. The VFD won't be able to do it all in a major disaster—we will desperately need the help of trained community members. Please let us know if you have skills or equipment that we may need in a disaster, and if you are interested in helping us help our community.

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## Sketch Map Directions:

Please use the property map on back of questionnaire for your sketch. Try to be as clear as you can, but don't let this project intimidate you! Things to include on the map:

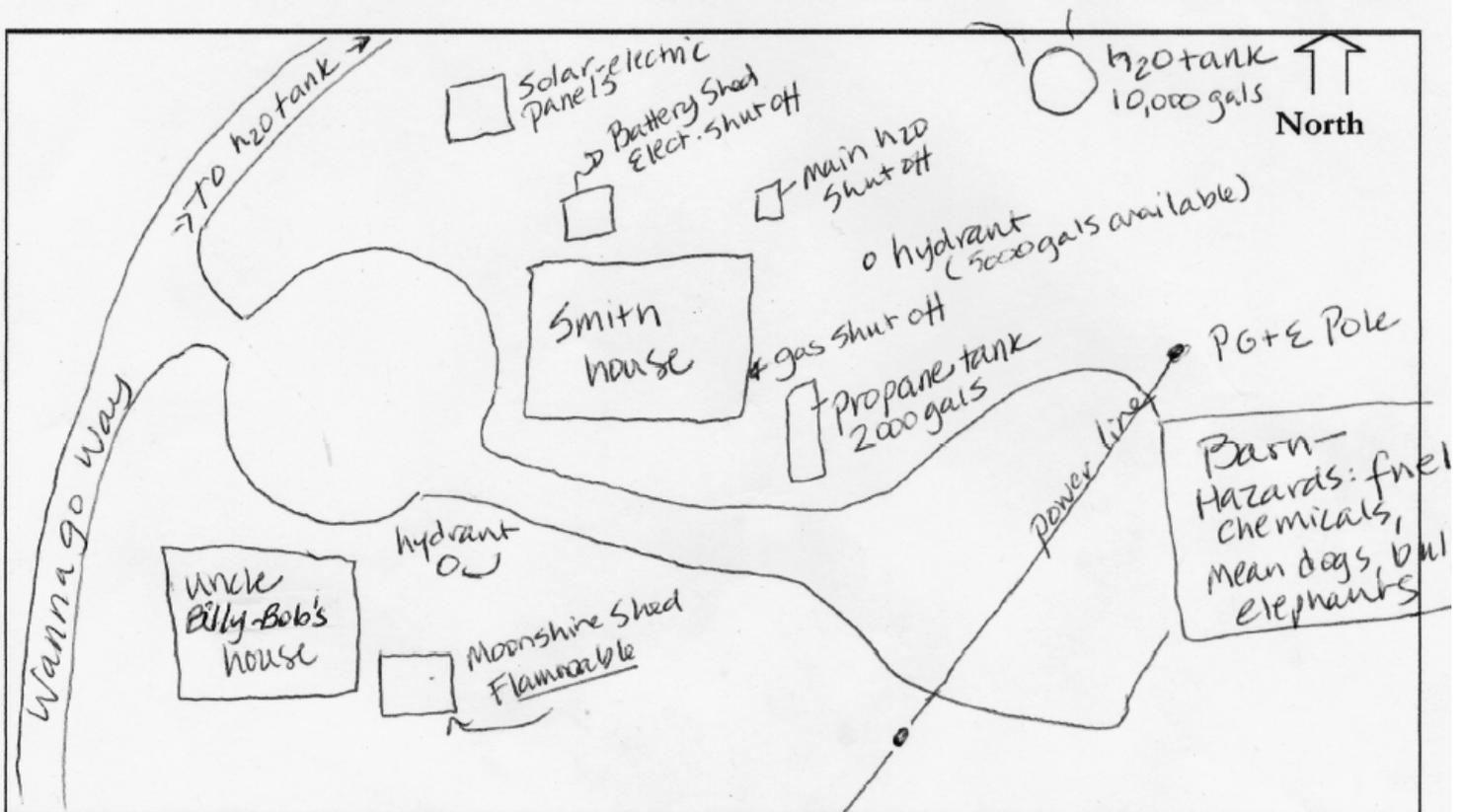
- **Address:** This can be 911 address with simple directions indicating where your home really is : eg:
- **Directions** Biggest to smallest: Fort Ross Rd → Niestrath Rd → Green Rock Rd → third left.
- **Structures and functions** (i.e., "Home," "Animal Barn," "Woodshed," "Shop," etc.)
- **Watersources** for firefighters: hydrants, ponds, tanks, pools, etc.
- **Water and Electrical shut-offs**
- **Propane tanks** and at-structure shut-off
- **Electrical & Alternative Energy Systems:** identify battery locations, shut off locations, photovoltaic panels
- **Hazardous Materials** and any buildings that contain them: diesel or gasoline; pesticides and agricultural chemicals; explosives; other flammable or explosive gasses or materials

ADDRESS: 327 Wannago Way

RESIDENTS' NAMES: Charile, Sue, Billy and Uncle Billy Bob Smith

DIRECTIONS AND LANDMARKS: Fort Ross Rd to Niestrath Road to Green Creek Road to Wannago way. Turn at "Smith" sign by big rock.

HAZARDS: Welding Chemicals in Barn; Mean Dawgs and Bull Elephants; Uncle Billy Bob when he's been at the Moonshine.



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1. All parcel residents' names: please indicate age categories (a.0-18; b. 28-65; c. 65+):

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2. Your "911" address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you permanent or part time residents: If part time, when are you most likely to be here, e.g, weekends?

4. Do the following directions reflect how to get to your home? If not, or if there are no directions below, briefly describe how to get to your home:

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5. Local (Caz) Phone Number: Please list any second lines that may be used to call 911.

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6. Might you dial 911 from a cell phone? If so, what is that number? : \_\_\_\_\_

7. Your work phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

8. Phone at primary place of residence (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Address at primary place of residence (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Your email address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are there residential structure(s) on your property? How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there commercial structure(s) on your property? How Many \_\_\_\_\_. What use? \_\_\_\_\_

12. In the event of an evacuation, does anyone in your household require special assistance for health care reasons, mobility issues, hearing or vision problems, etc? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Pets or Farm Animals:

Type: (Dog, horse, etc.)                      How many?                      |                      Type: (Dog, horse, etc.)                      How many?

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      |                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

14. Would you be willing to offer your skills or equipment in a disaster situation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

15. Is there anyone living on your property with skills in the following areas (check all that apply):

MD \_\_\_\_\_ RN/NP \_\_\_\_\_ LVN \_\_\_\_\_ DC \_\_\_\_\_ DDS \_\_\_\_\_ DVM \_\_\_\_\_ EMT/First Responder \_\_\_\_\_

Psychologist \_\_\_\_\_ Other Medical/Emergency Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer (type) \_\_\_\_\_ Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Other Useful Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Following are some items that could help in the neighborhood in a disaster. If you have any of the following, would you be willing to put them into service? Please check:

Generator \_\_\_\_\_ (Wattage) Water Storage: # of Gallons \_\_\_\_\_ Other Equip \_\_\_\_\_

Heavy Equipment (type) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Communications: Do you have: Satellite Internet \_\_\_\_\_ Satellite TV \_\_\_\_\_ Scanner \_\_\_\_\_

NOAA Weather Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Portable 2 way radios \_\_\_\_\_ Functioning CB \_\_\_\_\_ HAM \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you interested in helping to create and participate in our area's community emergency plans? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you interested in having a VFD member do a wildland fire home inspection on your property? The inspection will point out areas that you can take steps that will increase the likelihood that your home will survive a wildfire. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

***Please turn over for sketch map***

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS AND LANDMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANIMALS: \_\_\_\_\_

HAZARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Sketch Map:** Please include an arrow to indicate NORTH

A large empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for drawing a property sketch map. The box is currently blank.