

On May 7th, 5 Hillsdale NET volunteers participated in a City-Wide Disaster Exercise. We joined 17 other Southwest region volunteers to make up the Southwest Neighborhood Emergency Team deployed for the drill. City-wide there were about 131 volunteers participating. If you are a disaster readiness geek or are simply interested in what NET volunteers are called to do in a disaster have a look at the information we all got at the beginning of the drill as well as inserts (read “surprises”) we got over the course of the drill..

And a HUGE shout out to the volunteers from Portland Prepares who planned and executed this city-wide drill. As always, it was a great experience for all who participated. We learned a lot about our knowledge and skills, as well as, “opportunities for improvement”.

Your staging area is Maplewood Elementary School, 7452 SW 52nd Ave, Portland, OR 97219.

You have OHSU/Gabriel Park clinic at 4411 S Vermont St, Portland, OR 97219. If they are operating, they are taking only the most serious cases. There is no ambulance service.

You have a critical water main at SW 48th Ave and SW Maplewood Rd.

Scenario

On Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 1014, a major earthquake (8.5) struck Portland. All power and internet were taken offline. All bridges were damaged and declared unsafe to cross. There was substantial damage to both residential and commercial buildings.

When the earthquake struck, many NET volunteers were caught away from their neighborhoods and thus, from their home teams. They were able to join the NET in the area where they happened to be.

Teams have established staging areas and have been deploying strike teams to do damage assessment and light search and rescue. Each team has also established a medical area to provide needed treatment for injured persons. Strike teams may encounter injured persons and will need to assess the injuries and determine whether to treat on-site, transport to the medical treatment area, or transport to definitive medical area (if available).

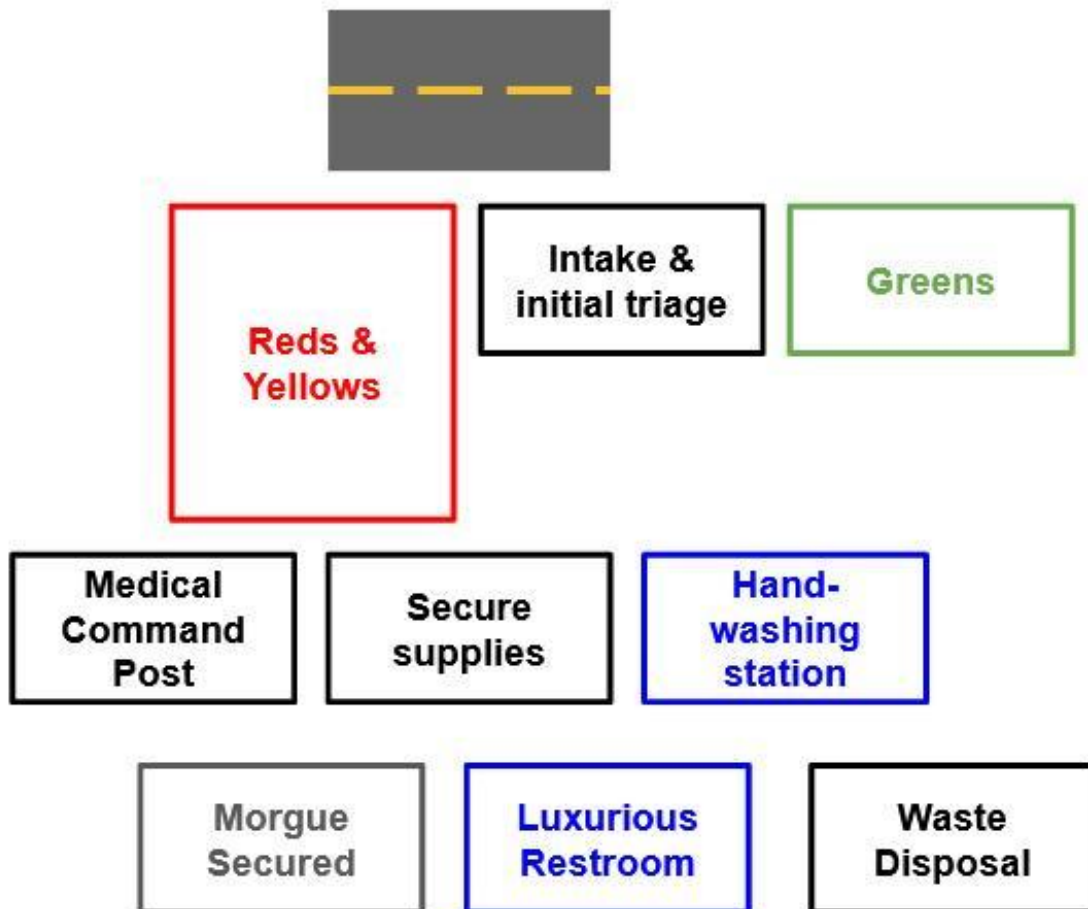
The weather is cool and cloudy but there has been very little rain since the earthquake. Heavy rain is expected within two hours.

The drill began 3 hours post quake. We had two strike teams already in the field.

ALPHA TEAM: Determine whether area medical center at 4411 S Vermont St, Portland, OR 97219 is operating. Assess road conditions between NET staging area and area hospital and develop plan to transport patients. Coordinate with Medical Team Lead to transport patients.

BETA TEAM: Conduct damage assessment and light search and rescue in high priority area around 7555 SW 45th Ave. This area contains a church and a pre-school as well as an open area where people will likely gather.

A medical treatment area was assembled and staffed at the staging area. We had patients in the treatment area.



Form 5A: Victim Treatment Area Record

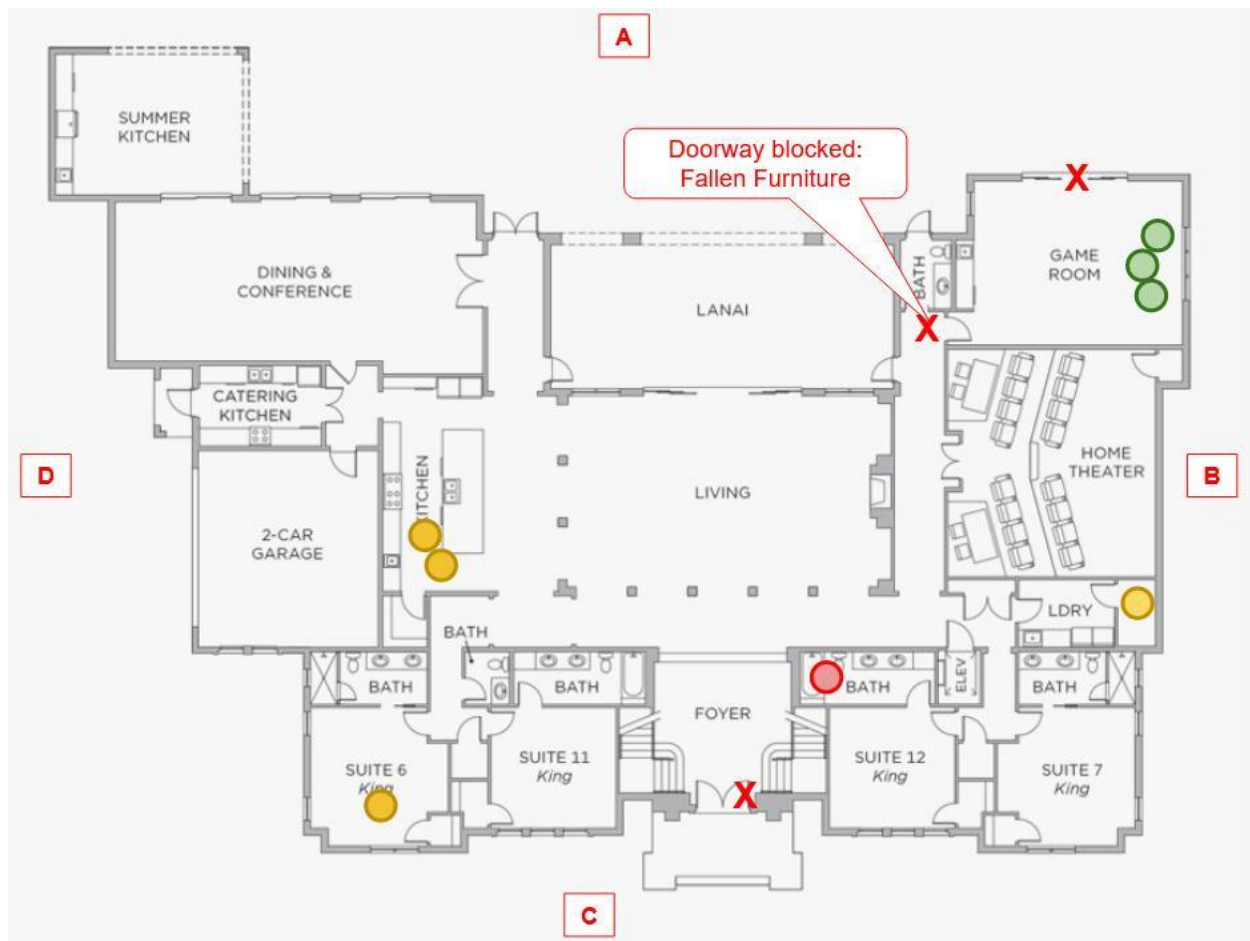
Team	Southwest	Location		
Check-In Time	Name/Description	Status	Condition/Treatment	Check-Out Time
5/7 1030	Vivian K. (23)	Discharged	5/7, 1030: Fell down stairs. Minor contusion on forehead. Alert, responsive if shaken. 5/7, 1130: Feeling better. Went home.	5/7, 1130
5/7, 1035	Henry T. (78)	Red	5/7, 1035: Severe head wound, confused. Cleaned and bandaged wound.	
5/7, 1035	Timothy R. (19)	Green	5/7, 1035: Fell, broken forearm (non-compound). Splinted and immobilized arm. Helping out in observation area.	
5/7, 1135	Craig Z. (28)	Yellow	5/7, 1135: Trapped by fallen debris. Penetrating wound to abdomen. Bleeding stopped. Cleaned and bandaged wound.	
5/7, 1135	Charlie M. (43)	Discharged	5/7, 1135: Various cuts from fallen glass. Cleaned and bandaged wounds.	5/7, 1200
5/7, 1135	Sarah C. (32)	Yellow	5/7, 1135: Struck by falling debris. Large, deep laceration on right thigh (bone visible). Cleaned and bandaged wound.	
5/7, 1257	Amy S. (41)	Yellow	5/7, 1257 Trapped by fallen debris. Various scrapes, cuts, contusions. Potential broken back, vitals are stable, alert and responsive. Immobilize. Clean and bandage wounds.	
5/7, 1418	Victoria (68)	Red	In transit to Med Area. In shock. Previously: Hip fracture. RR 32, shallow. No obvious bleeding.	

As the drill progressed ALPHA Team reported to Incident Team Lead that the OHSU Clinic was open but accepting only the sickest/worst injured patients. They were deployed to an intersection to evaluate the worrisome intersection. Though not gushing water it was flooding and becoming unstable ground.

The BETA Team discovered a home with minimal damage, deemed it safe to enter, completed a thorough search and triage.

Location	Name	Description	Status
Game room (A-B corner)	Jakob (7)	Apparently unhurt.	Green
	Corey (8)	Door is blocked.	Green
	Sam (8)		Green
Laundry Closet (B-side)	Claire (14)	RR: 30, wheezy; no obvious bleeding. Responds to commands. Cannot catch her breath to speak.	Yellow
Bathroom (B-C corner)	Victoria (68)	RR: 32, shallow; no obvious bleeding. Slow to respond to commands Deformity at R hip. No open wound.	Red
Kitchen (D-side)	Angela (44)	RR: 18, regular; radial pulse present. Slow to respond to commands. Brett's partner. Open wound on forehead bled profusely but has slowed. Lost, then regained consciousness.	Yellow
	Brett (47)	RR: 14, regular; radial pulse present. Alert and oriented. Angela's partner. Lacerations to arms, embedded glass in feet from falling glass.	Yellow
Suite 6 (C-D corner)	Fred (28)	RR: 20, regular; radial pulse present. Alert and oriented. Open break of L upper arm. Pinned under large bookcase.	Yellow

The occupants of the house all needed to be evacuated and some would require first aid or transport to the Medical Treatment area or OHSU Clinic.



A church/school near this home was opened up for use and the Pastor and her husband took in anyone who showed up looking for shelter.

This was the scenario presented to us. Also pertinent to the drill was a shift change mid drill. The emphasis was on information hand-off between the off-going and on-coming teams. Oh, and it is beginning to rain !

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE (decisions and actions) IF YOU WERE:

Medical Team Lead

Alpha Strike Team Lead

Beta Strike Team Lead

Incident Team Lead

*We would like to recognize the **Exercise Design Team** for, once again, a superb learning experience.*