

EMERGENCY EVACUATION & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP INFORMATION

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Mary Jo Wallen volunteered to be the Evacuation Coordinator for Timberlake Ranch in 2007. Jim Zwerg volunteered to be the Neighborhood Watch Group Coordinator in 201 and effective 5/27/17 Nancy Wills is taking over for Jim.. We are combining the information for both programs since some of the information and data would be duplicated. We want to provide as much information as possible about how you can make your family, livestock, pets and property, safer in the days to come.

Information and forms can be found on our Timberlake website and the bulletin boards by the Vol Fire Dept. and the Bath House. Please make sure that you keep our Zone Coordinators aware of any telephone changes, etc. The Timberlake Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Evacuation Data Sheets are maintained and considered "private" and only shared with those "on a need to know basis". If you need to provide updated information, please e-mail timberlakewatch@gmail.com. Or, you can call Nancy Wills at 783-2457 or Mary Jo Wallen at 783-4207 to update your personal information.

Evacuation Info Provided by the Ramah Volunteer Fire Dept. in 2007 & 2017

1. An evacuation may require immediately leaving your residence with just the clothes on your back, to having a 24-hour notice before you would need to evacuate.
2. Evacuations can either be voluntary or mandatory.
3. If the evacuation is an immediate evacuation, only emergency vehicles will be allowed to enter the Timberlake area. Access will be restricted no matter what in an evacuation.
4. If you choose to stay after an evacuation has been initiated, we may not have the personnel or resources to dedicate to help protecting you and your home.
5. If we do not have easy access and egress to and from your house, we will not defend your house. We use a triage system in selecting which houses we will defend. You can contact the Ramah Fire Dept. for more specific information – such as having a 30' clear area around your home and a driveway that is wide enough for fire equipment to enter and turn around in

6. In any emergency, please call 911 first. Remember to tell Dispatch that you are in District 55 in Timberlake.

7. Phone # for the Ramah Fire Dept. is 783-4252. Ramah Vol Fire Dept. is 783-4221 and Andy Wilson's number is 783-4704.

8. The Non-Emergency 911 number is 1-505-722-2002. If you want to register your 911 phone number, you can call this number to make sure your correct address is associated with the 911 number (especially important if you travel a lot).

9. If you evacuate, we would want you to close your garage doors, leave your doors unlocked and leave the front porch light on to indicate that you have evacuated.
10. If there is the time to set up an information checkpoint near an exit of the evacuation area, we will collect names, local addresses of evacuees and where you are going in an accountability effort. By sending me the Emergency Evacuation Sheet, we will be one step ahead in having a database of names and addresses.
11. If the phones are working and there is time to implement a phone tree, we will. We will also notify residents of an evacuation via the public address systems on our emergency vehicles. And then there is self-evacuation. The Ramah Fire Dept. would contact the Emergency Coordinator and/or members of the Board to get the phone tree started.
12. The Ramah Fire Dept. and/or local law enforcement will execute any evacuation.
13. Once you leave the evacuation area, you will not be allowed back in until the incident is over and it is safe to return.
14. The main evacuation route is out the Timberlake Road. The secondary route is up Forest Road 157 toward McGaffey.
15. Anita Davis gave us permission to put horses in her corrals right off of Highway 53 and Canyon Road. Depending on the situation, it has also been suggested that we may meet by the football field after evacuating. However, specific instructions would be given to you at the time of evacuation.

If an emergency were declared, we have a buddy system or phone tree system in place and each Evacuation Coordinator for their designated zone/area would be responsible to notify the people in his/her area. For instance, I live on Yucca Drive and presently, there are only two other full-time homeowners who live on Yucca, Conjeo and Cedar. So, calling two people would not take much time. During the summer, there are three to four additional homeowners living here part-time.

Please remember that it is “our” responsibility to take precautions during the entire year – not just during a drought. Please be aware of local fire restrictions (sign by the Timberlake Gate entrance and by the Ramah Vol Fire Dept. The website will also tell us when no fires or campfires of any kind are allowed. Our homes are in the middle of the Cibola National Forest and we want to continue to enjoy the beauty of our area for the “rest of our lives”.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING 8/15/2017

A great big thank you to Lt. Hall, Cibola County Sheriff’s Dept., and to Julie Farrell, Ramah Volunteer Fire Dept. for providing lots of current information to everyone in attendance at tonight’s Neighborhood Watch Group Meeting.

Lt. Hall informed us of some very disturbing news concerning the closing of the Cibola County Jail in Grants which should take place within the next two months unless a private company takes over. There has also been new legislation passed in Santa Fe concerning a state-wide law that will release people who have been arrested after being booked, without bond...unless they murdered someone or are a flight risk. If the Cibola Jail is closed, prisoners will have to be transported to be booked in another location like Albuquerque, which means that there will be a lot less coverage in the County. The old jail facility in Milan could get a contract. Pine Hill facility is presently being used. LT. Hall urged us to contact our legislative representatives to voice our concerns. Cibola Rep is Harry Garcia and McKinley is Patty Lundstrum. He also suggested that if you make an agreement with a security company to monitor your house, make sure they are registered in the County. Otherwise, funds are going outside our immediate area. Please use a key box or make sure a close neighbor has a key to your home to meet the law enforcement person assigned to check your home.

Lt. Hall also reported that there has been a recent upgrade in the radio program between the Sheriff’s Dept. and the Volunteer Fire Dept. It was mentioned that if a game/security camera is used and the picture of a suspicious person is clear, it can be sent to the Rocky Mt. Network where the picture can be compared with driver license pictures in NM and surrounding states. Also, you can download a Polaris Navigator app on your phones to take pictures of a suspicious person/license plate, etc., and the GPS location on the picture could be used in Court to prove that a person was in a location when a crime occurred.

Julie Farrell provided information about the two helicopter services available in our area (PHI Cares and Eagle Air Med). There have been four evacuations this summer (2 in Ramah and 2 in Timberlake). All four were because of dehydration, so Julie reminded us that we should drink 64 oz. of water every day. Symptoms are similar to a stroke. The cost for both services is approximately \$100 per year compared to a \$50,000 bill from the helicopter service. The weight limit is 250 lbs. and height limit is 6’. Julie did tell us that if you’re a little taller, they can “bend your feet”. Also, if someone weighs over 250 lbs., one of the two nurses might have to stay behind.

Another important reminder is that the helicopter will land on Timberlake (between Copperweed and Buttonwood). While the helicopter is landing, traffic is stopped in both directions and your patience is appreciated. Additionally, if there is a fire, we should not drive down to see what’s going on because this makes too much congestion and the firetrucks can’t get to the site. It’s best if we help direct traffic. If you don’t have the red street number at the entrance to your property, please contact Tim Larson, McKinley County Assessor’s Office. Numbers are free. If you don’t have a number that can be easily seen, the Volunteer Fire Dept. may not be able to find you during an emergency.

Julie and several other volunteers will be leaving in October, so we are left with 4 volunteers over the winter. **So, Volunteers are always needed.** Julie is going to be taking EMT training while she’s gone this winter and we really appreciate how involved she has gotten the past two years. She really cares about helping people and wanting to make our area safe.

The following forms and information can be found on the Timberlake website, bulletin boards by the Bath House and the Vol. Fire Dept. If you need copies mailed to you, please call Mary Jo Wallen at 783-4207 or Nancy Wills at 783-2457, or send your request to the Timberlake Neighborhood Ranch Neighborhood Watch, HC 61 Box 767, Ramah, NM 87321. E-mail address is timberlakewatch@gmail.com.

1. Timberlake Zone Coordinator Listing and Timberlake Map
2. Timberlake Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Evacuation Data Sheet
3. Suspicious Activity (possible circumstances and possible crime) Includes Emergency Phone Numbers

4. Incident Reporting Form
5. Personal Property Identification Record (credit card numbers, list of personal items with serial numbers, etc.)
6. Timberlake Neighborhood Watch Hot Sheet (provide to law enforcement so they can send to local newspapers, post on local bulletin boards, pawn shops, etc. – lists stolen items)

Timberlake window stickers were available. It helps us identify an abandoned vehicle as a landowner’s property. If a sticker is not on the front window, then we can provide the license plate and other vehicle information to Lt. Hall and he can run the plate, provide us with a name and address and then we can determine if the vehicle belongs to a landowner. If it doesn’t belong to a landowner, we can try to contact the person and determine why their vehicle was abandoned...it could have been stolen. If you need a sticker, please contact Mary Jo Wallen, Nancy Wills or the current TRLA Secretary – Sharon Axtel.

Cibola Sheriff’s Dept.	505-287-9476	Fax is 505-876-5485
McKinley Sheriff’s Dept.	505-863-1410	Fax is 505-722-9317
NM State Police – Gallup	505-863-9353	
NM State Police – Grants	505-287-4377	
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222	
NM Fish & Game -	505-222-4700 (M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Evenings – 505-827-9376)	

REMEMBER

CALL 911 FIRST AND SAY YOU ARE IN DISTRICT 55

Then, if you want to call Julie or Andy to give them a head’s up, that’s fine, but 911 MUST BE CALLED FIRST.

Thanks to everyone who helps every day by being observant. We’ve done great this year and it’s because of YOU.

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