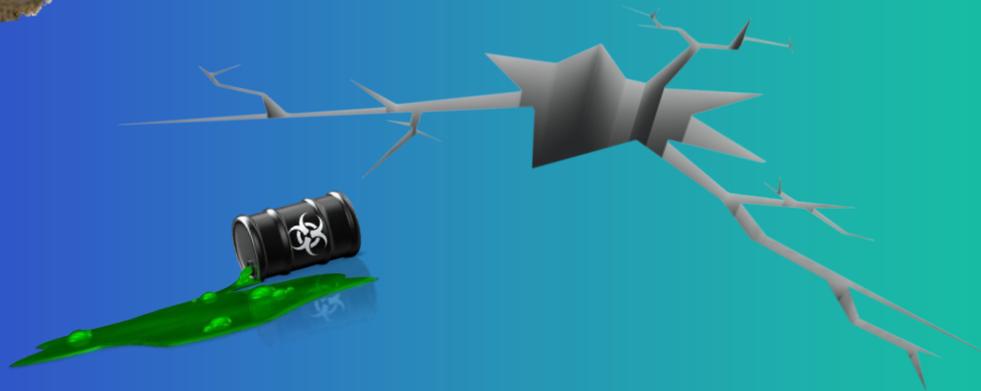




# Block Watch and Emergency Response



# Block Watch (Neighborhood Security) and Emergency (Disaster) Response

2 options:

1) Don't prepare, worst happens

2) Well prepared, nothing happens



# Block Watch



# What is Block Watch?

Block Watch or Neighborhood Watch is just that, neighbors watching out for each other.

The more you know your neighbors, the more you will care about them and help to look out for one another.

Things to consider:

- define your neighborhood
  - contact lists
- who's the contact or Block Captain?
- what are your neighborhood crime statistics?
  - what is suspicious?



Resources: [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)

Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Outreach

[www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)

Sign up for alerts

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

start your own group or join a larger existing one, good way to keep in touch with other residents outside your immediate neighborhood

Utilize other social media like Facebook

Know what works for your neighborhood and what you are willing to commit to each other!

## The Crime Triangle: Desire, Opportunity, and Ability

Most crimes are crimes of opportunity meaning that easy targets are those with a lack of security and where neighbors are not engaged.

Be alert and noseey!

Public Safety is a partnership and the Police rely on the community to be their eyes and ears. If you don't tell us then we won't know about it.

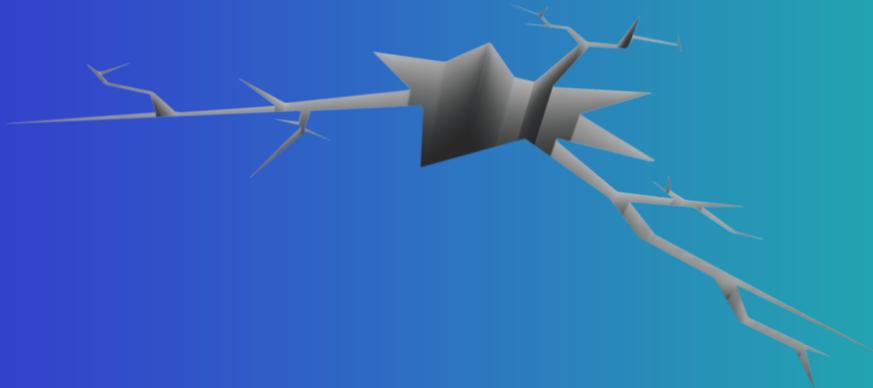
How to make a report?

Call 9-1-1

Online reporting available at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/crime-reporting.htm>



# Emergency Response



# City of Bellevue Emergency Management Plan – 331 page document

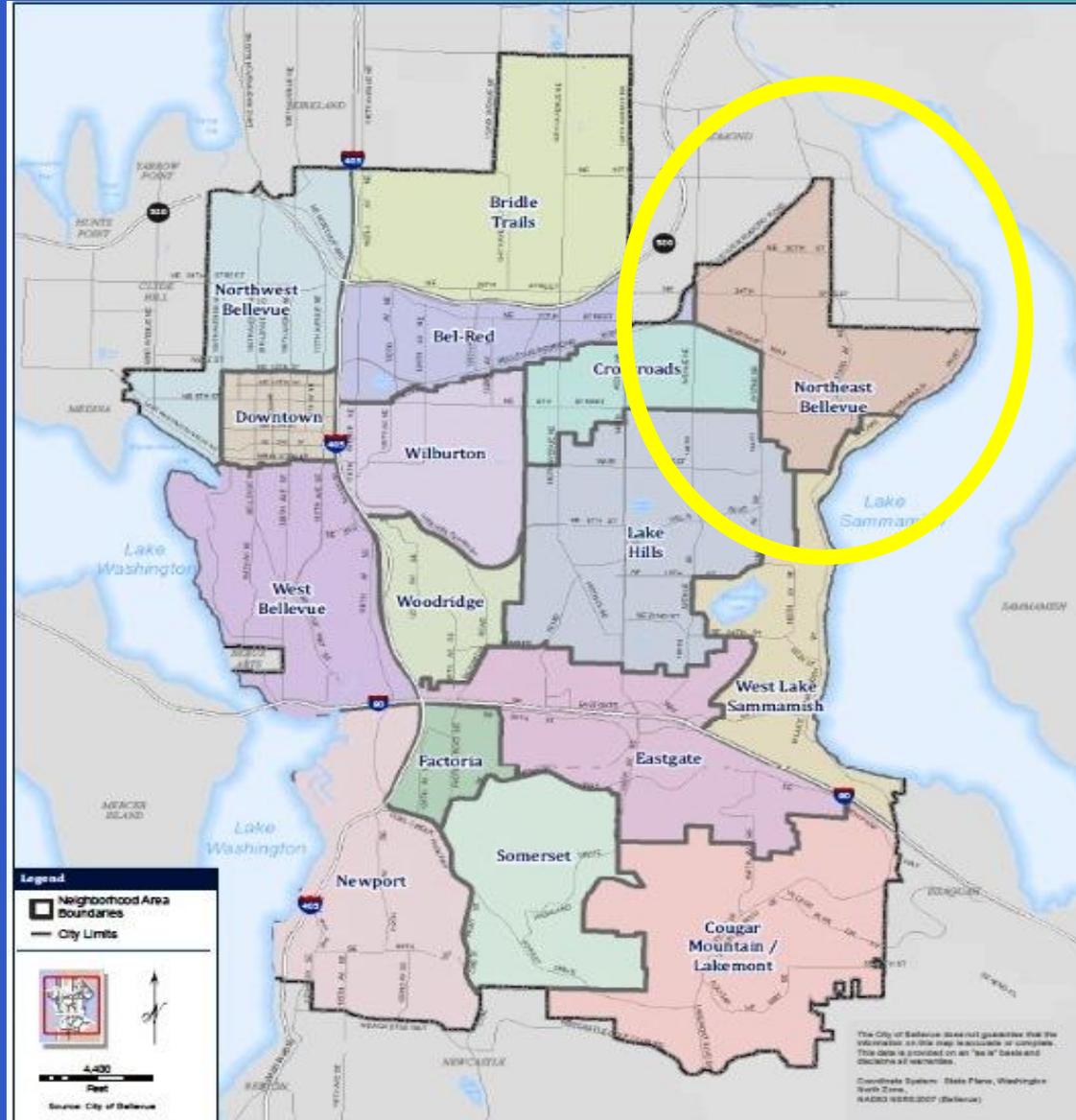


## EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Requires widely coordinated strategy with multiple functions
  - Strategic Planning
  - Finance
    - Administration
    - Logistics
    - Operations

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

Coordination of multiple districts, thousands of people:



# City of Bellevue Emergency Management Plan – general census information

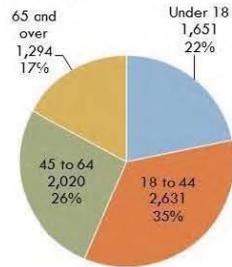
## Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood Profile

Office of  
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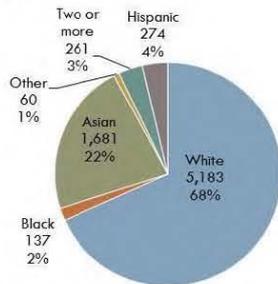


2010 Population: 7,596

### Age Distribution

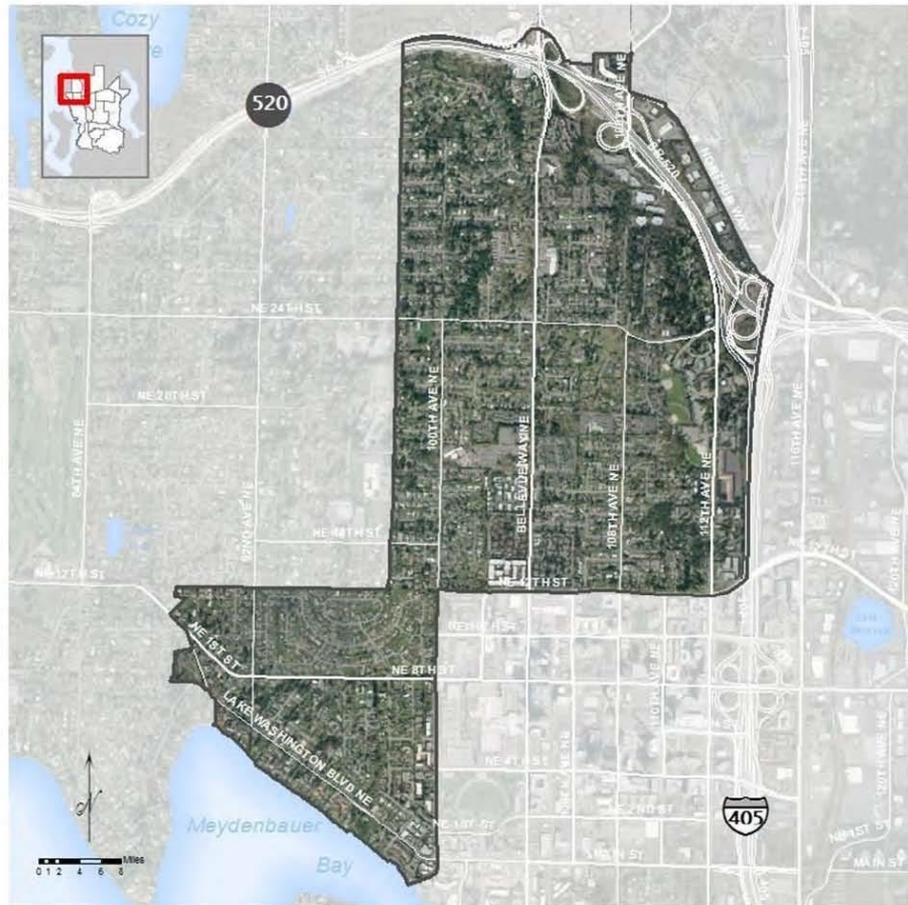


### Race and Ethnicity

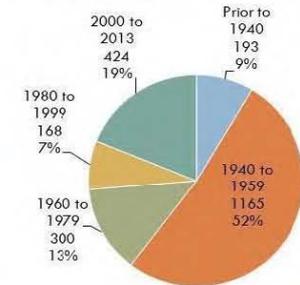


### Top Ten Languages

Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home	Percent of Population 5 and Over	Total
Korean	6%	
Chinese	6%	
Persian	3%	
Spanish	3%	
Armenian	2%	
French	2%	
Other Asian	2%	
Japanese	2%	
Other Slavic	1%	
Vietnamese	1%	



### Housing Structure Year Built Distribution



### Total Value

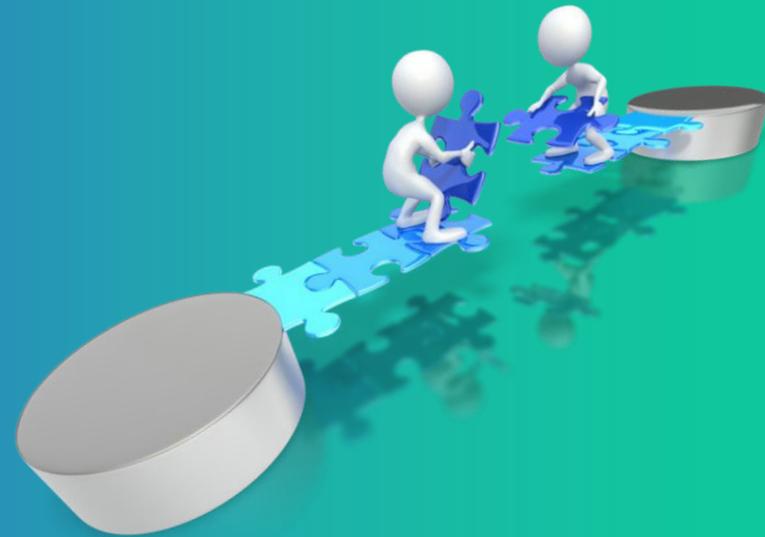
Number of Parcels:	2,250
Land Value:	1,504,265,000
Improved Value:	804,620,600
Assessed Value:	2,308,885,600

### Service Providers

Service Providers	Total
Adult Care	2
Animal Care	2
Banking	2
Big Box Shopping Centers & Stores for Supplies	TBD
Child Care	4
Energy Service Providers	TBD
Faith Communities	12
Food Service Providers	12
Fuel Service Providers	0
Medical Service Providers	8
Educational Service Providers	6



How can they work together ?



# *What's in common?*

- 1) both require caring for your family
- 2) both require some knowledge of, or about, your neighbors/neighborhood
- 3) both require some level of trust
- 4) both require preparedness
- 5) both require awareness

# *What's different ?*

Size, Focus, and Coordination of an area

## BLOCK WATCH:

- Local neighborhood with 30 to 100 people on watch
- Focus on neighborhood security
- Fast e-mail distribution, can be run by one person

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Requires widely coordinated strategy – county, city, multiple disciplines
  - Government
  - Communications
    - Search and Rescue
      - Medical professionals
        - Fire Departments
        - Police

***Consider that none of these agencies may be able to get to your neighborhood in a disaster***



**SO PLAN AHEAD:**

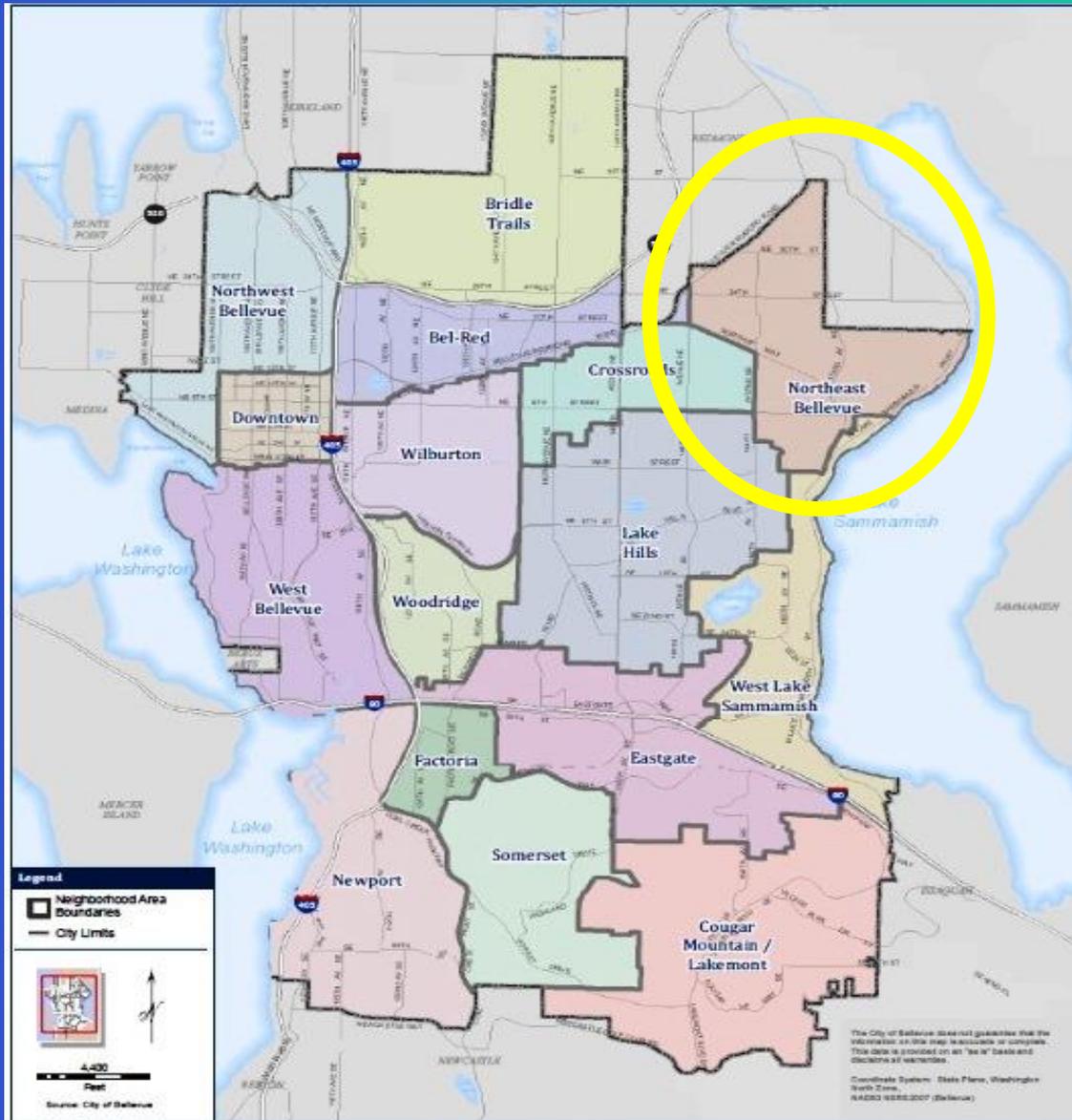
- Know your neighbors – sign up on Block Watch – good 1<sup>st</sup> step
- Prepare to help each other until professionals can reach you – good 2<sup>nd</sup> step
- Take CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) course or join EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Support) or other....

# *What information would be useful in a disaster and how to organize it?*

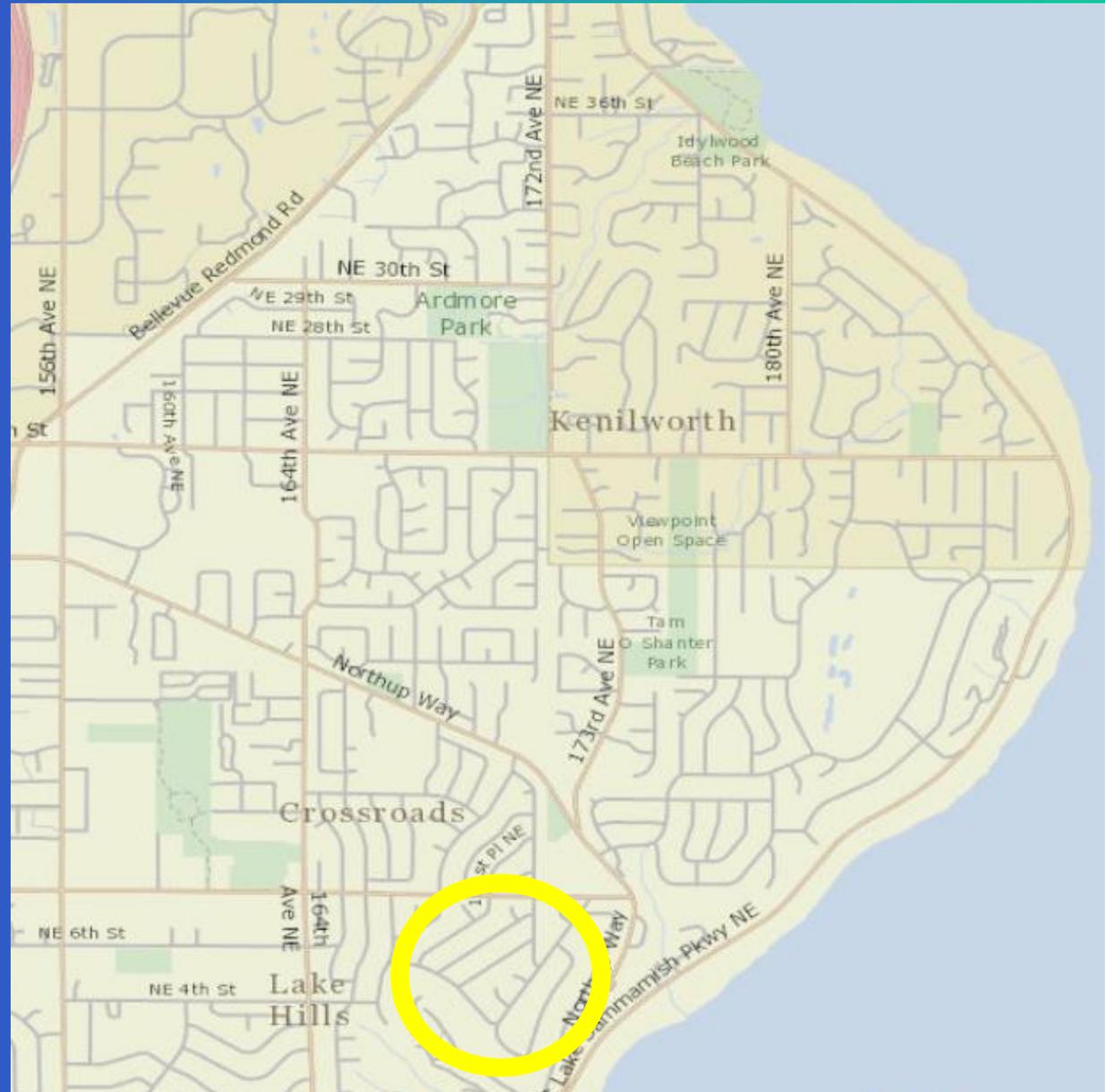
- Establish 'maps' of important information for each household that will help in an emergency
- Can use SPAN or Map Your Neighborhood lists – awareness of Block Watch info and resources
- Plan and prepare with small group/area, but be part of a larger plan
  - 'drill down' ...



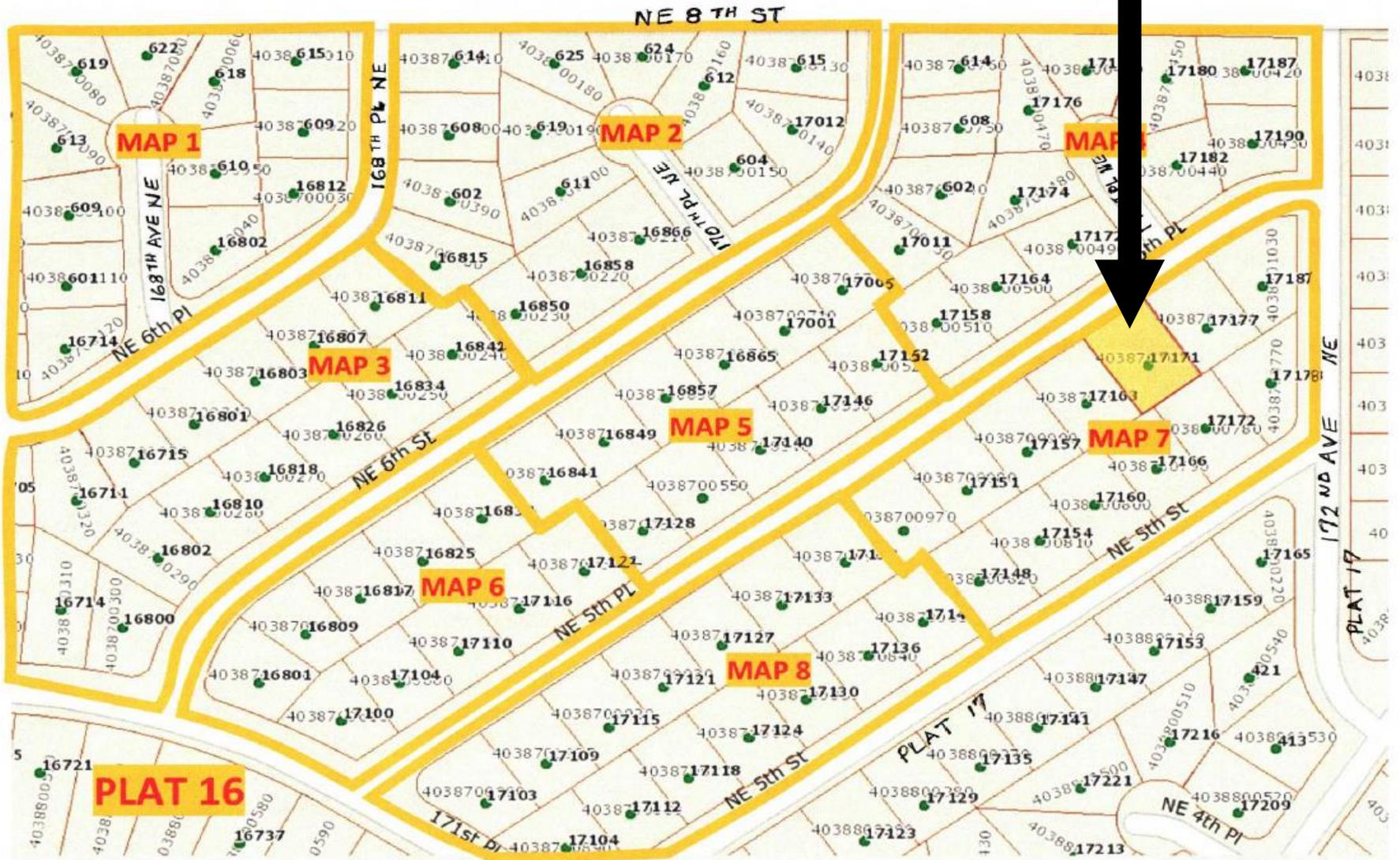
# ...from Northeast Bellevue



... to Lochmoor area



# ... to streets, neighbors, and my house





... *Share only the information you want, with only those you trust*

- Block Watch Captains should not share information without permission
- Sharing information on your area of expertise may help others

... e.g. nurse, doctor, construction engineer, communications expert ...

... e.g. have backup generator, blankets, emergency supplies, shelter, tools ...

## *... Different ways to organize*

- One CERT trained person with information on several households
- 2 or 3 neighbors determining what information they will share and how they will help each other in emergency
- Can be arranged by block or street
- Meet as often as you wish, but meet!

# Be Part of The Big Plan:



- Local information helps you, helps the experts

# Participation should:

- Be non-intrusive, voluntary
- Maintain privacy
- Not require much time
- Be a fun and important way to meet your neighbors, know your community, keep your family safe and prepared



# SIGN UP!



... the end