

## **PERSONAL AND FAMILY SAFETY**

**Your number one concern is the protection of you, your family and your property.**

**Our community is vulnerable to many challenges such as earthquakes, severe winds, snow/ice damage, wild fires, etc. that can lead to power outages, blocked roads, Hood Canal Bridge closure, etc.**

**In some cases, such as wild fires, evacuation may be needed. The below lists a few considerations to help enhance your readiness for some of the above concerns:**

- Does your entire family have at least three days of non-refrigerated food and bottled water to sustain them?
- Do you have a medical kit that is easily accessible to your family?
  - Do you have fully functioning fire extinguishers in the house?
- Does your family have a method of escape out of the immediate area?
- Does your family have maps indicating their primary and alternate escape routes?
  - Does your family have an alternate place to go if necessary? This may be another family member's house or a designated meeting point. Are alternate phone numbers written down and in your wallet/purse? (Note: cell phones/texting and regular phones may be down. Do you have an alternate way of communicating?)
- Designate a family member or other person outside the affected area to serve as the primary point of contact for all family members to call.
- Do you have copies of your valuable documents packaged and ready to quickly take with you? Items such as marriage license, mortgage paperwork, deeds, insurance paperwork, any wills, a listing of bank and credit card contacts along with account numbers?
- Do you have access to additional cash? ATMs will likely be down, and banks closed, during a major event.
- Do you have sufficient fuel for your car, for your generator (if you have one), for your chain saw, if it is necessary to clear a road?
- Do you have sufficient supply of medications for several days?

There is also a Jefferson County emergency preparedness committee (NPREP Team). If you are interested in finding out about their meetings and information, please contact them at: 360-301-1750.