

Sugarmill Woods



Civic Association

Community Outreach Program

Emergency Management & Hurricane Preparedness



Wednesday, June 1st 2011
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Sugarmill Woods Country Club

The 2011 Hurricane Season officially begins June 1, so we need to be prepared. We are honored to have **Assistant Director Robert Wesch**, from the **Citrus County Sheriff's Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**, come speak to us.

Whether it's a minor event or the beginning of a critical situation, it generally starts with a call to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which resides within the Sheriff's Department. The EOC, under the leadership of **Captain Joseph Eckstein, Director, and Assistant Director Robert Wesch**, is home to the 911 Center, Emergency Management Section, and the Radiological Emergency Planning Section. The EOC 911 Center handles all emergency calls for the county. When you place an emergency call, it goes directly to the EOC 911 Center in Lecanto. Dispatchers route these calls to the appropriate service: law enforcement (Sheriff's Office), Fire Department, and EMS. Using an enhanced 911 system, communications officers are able to determine the address and phone number of the caller. The Citrus County EOC is one of the few 911 centers across the state that effectively and efficiently houses all services together, ensuring that no time is lost in transferring calls. Emergency management officials work year-round preparing residents for natural disasters, like hurricanes and flooding, as well as catastrophic events, like a terrorist attack or problems at the nuclear power plant.

When the EOC activates due to a pending threat, or a disaster strikes, Citizen Information Lines will be staffed. When necessary, these lines are open 24 hours a day. Assistant Director Robert Wesch will describe the overall operations of the Emergency Operations Center with a special focus on Hurricane Preparedness, Emergency Help Centers, and Distribution Centers and what we as residents can do to be better prepared in case a disaster strikes.

Following Assistant Director Wesch's presentation, Gerry Brummer, Southwest Quadrant (Sugarmill Woods) Community Emergency Response Team (SWQ SMW CERT), will give a brief overview of their organization's role in support of the Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center and what they do to support our community in the event of a major emergency. Following both presentations we will have a Q&A session for residents. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors in Sugarmill Woods to come with you to the meeting. All of us should know what to expect and what we need to do to get prepared before the 2011 Hurricane Season begins.

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