

# Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

## Communications & Transportation Unit

**Michel Latendresse,**  
Emergency Program Coordinator

**Doug Barry & Tom Robson**  
Emergency Radio Coordinators



# Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program - What is it?

## ■ FACING REALITY

- Disasters happen
- People may be on their own for 72 hrs - up to a week

## ■ Sharing the Responsibility

## ■ Planning, Organizing & Training

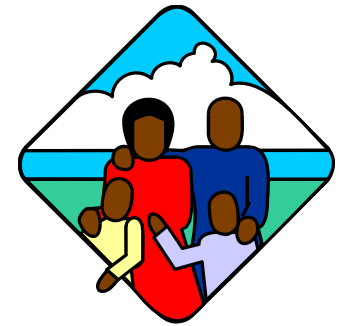
## ■ Taking comfort in working as a group rather than as individuals



# Neighbourhood Program Model:

## The "Road to Readiness":

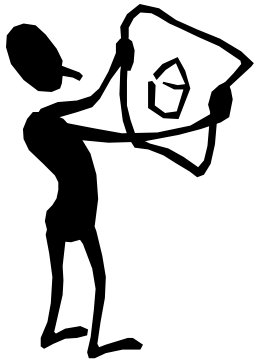
1. Study the neighbourhood
2. Identify hazards & potential risks
3. Conduct personal & family emergency preparedness
4. Develop neighbourhood response plan, assign unit/function responsibilities
5. Identify n'hood resources
6. Train & Exercise
7. Establish other networks & Keep the program alive!



# Neighbourhood Program: Personal/Family Preparedness

## Develop a Family Plan:

- Identify & protect from home hazards
- Learn & practice emergency procedures
- Establish (2) evacuation routes out of your home
- Establish (2) safe meeting spots for family members to gather
- Establish out-of-province contact
- Gather necessary supplies



# Emergency Supplies:

## Neighbourhood Team



- ✓ N'hood Map
- ✓ First Aid Supplies
- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ Battery Operated Radio
- ✓ Water Supply
- ✓ Cooking Equipment
- ✓ Tarp
- ✓ Tables/Chairs
- ✓ Clipboards & stationery
- ✓ Survey & duct tape
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Gas shut-off wrench
- ✓ Water key
- ✓ Sanitation supplies
- ✓ Tools (hammers, crowbars, saw, axes, wrenches, etc.)
- ✓ Hardhats & gloves
- ✓ Communication equipment

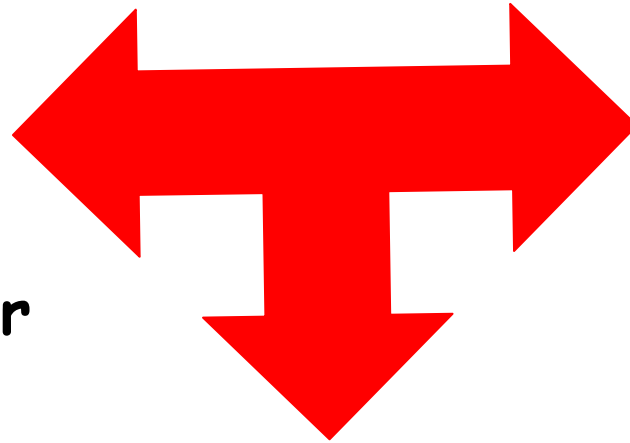
# Disasters in BC

## *Natural*

Earthquake  
Flood  
Forest Fire  
Landslide  
Severe Weather  
Wind Storm  
Tsunami

## *Industrial*

Urban Fire  
Hazardous  
Materials  
Explosion  
Structural  
Collapse  
Transportation



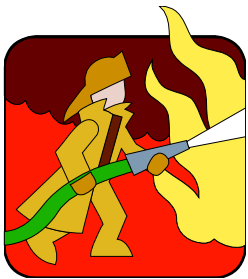
## *Social/Political*

Bomb Threat  
Sabotage/Terrorism  
Riot

# N'hood Program Organization

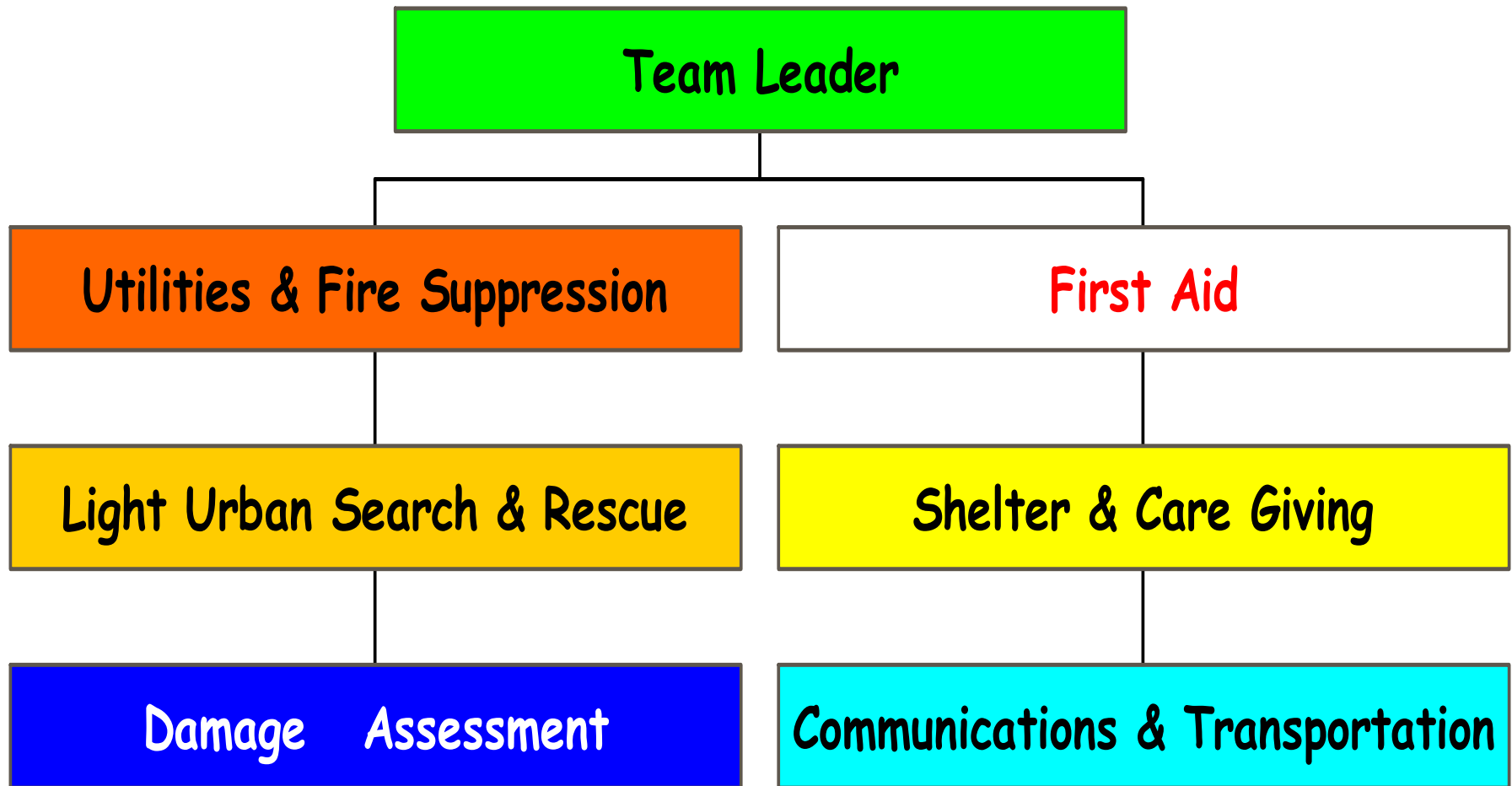


# Neighbourhood Program: Team Functions



- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ First Aid
- ◆ Utilities & Fire Suppression
- ◆ Light Urban Search & Rescue
- ◆ Communications & Transportation
- ◆ Shelter & Care Giving
- ◆ Damage Assessment

# N'hood Team Organization



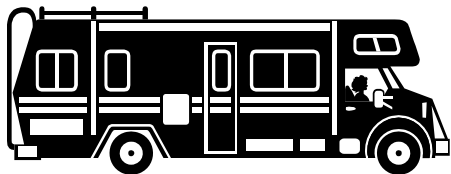
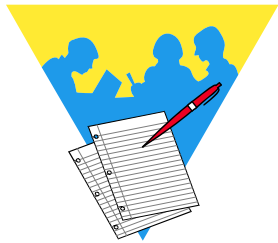
# Communications & Transportation Unit

## Responsibilities:

- Liaises closely with Team Leader
- Provides a communication link between n'hood response units
- Provides a communication link between n'hood team & municipality & outside resources
- Provides transportation services, as needed



# Communications & Transportation Unit



## Desired Characteristics:

- ✓ Good listening skills & verbal skills
- ✓ Clear handwriting
- ✓ Amateur radio licence & equipment (ideal)
- ✓ Ability to speak slowly, clearly & distinctly
- ✓ Valid driver's license & larger vehicle

# Emergency Transportation Routes



In a disaster;

- a. Disaster Response Routes
- b. Evacuation Routes
- c. Transportation Routes for the Public during Emergencies

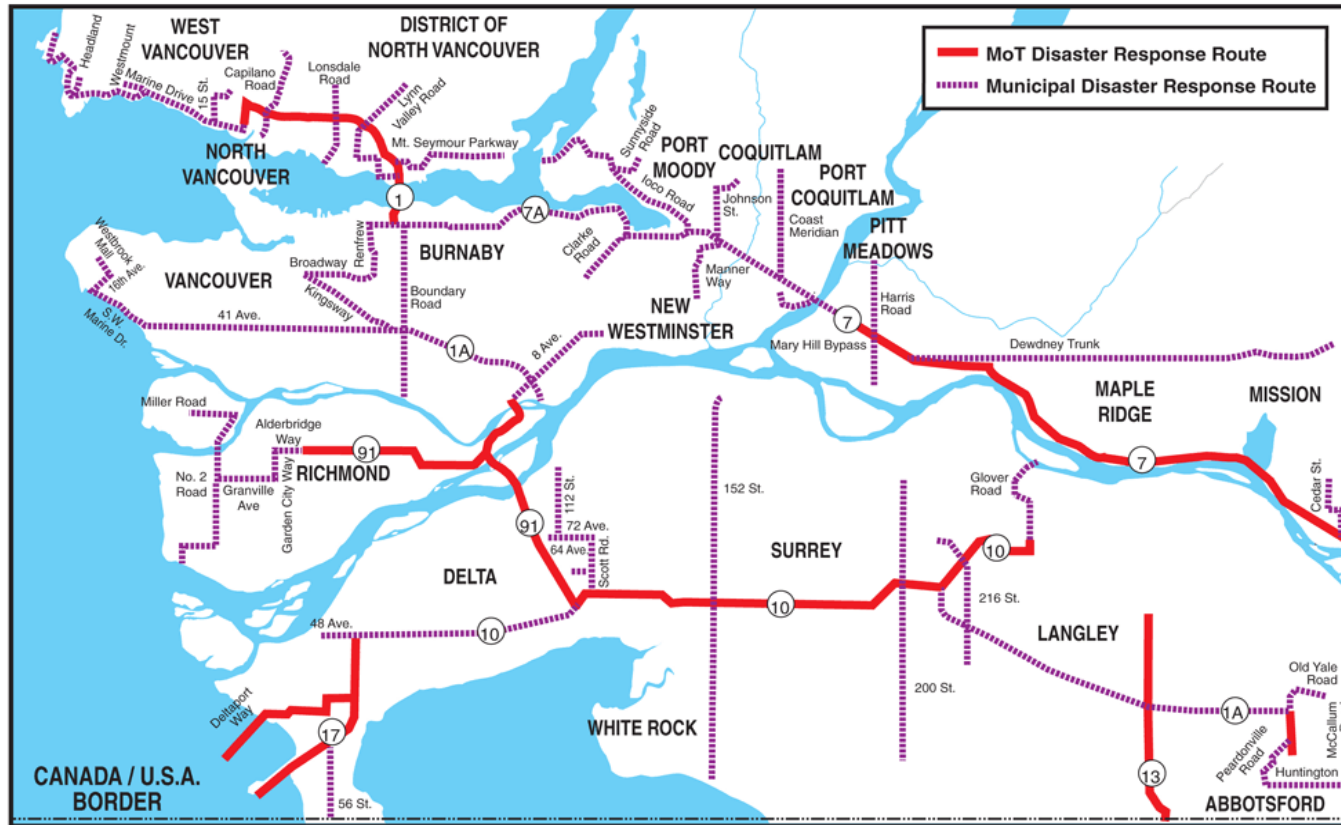
# Disaster Response Routes

A network of pre identified routes (including road, marine, air and rail) that can best move emergency services and supplies to where they are needed in response to a major disaster.



# Disaster Response Routes (DRR) locations

## Lower Mainland-Disaster Response Route Network

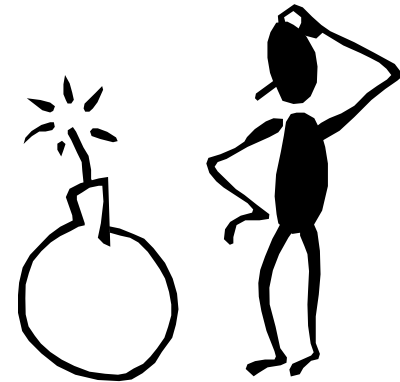


# Emergency Response - Who's Involved?

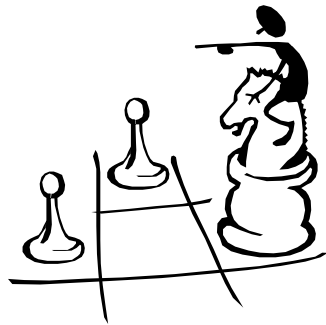
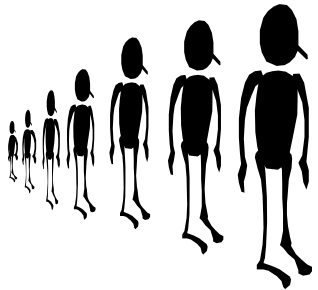


# N'hood Response - Personal Safety Principles

- "I am No. 1" (Safety first)
- Be Prepared
- Teamwork
- Know your limits
- Document activity
- Report to Team Leader
- Improvise/Be flexible & adaptable
- Take charge responsibly



# N'hood Response - Sequence of Activities



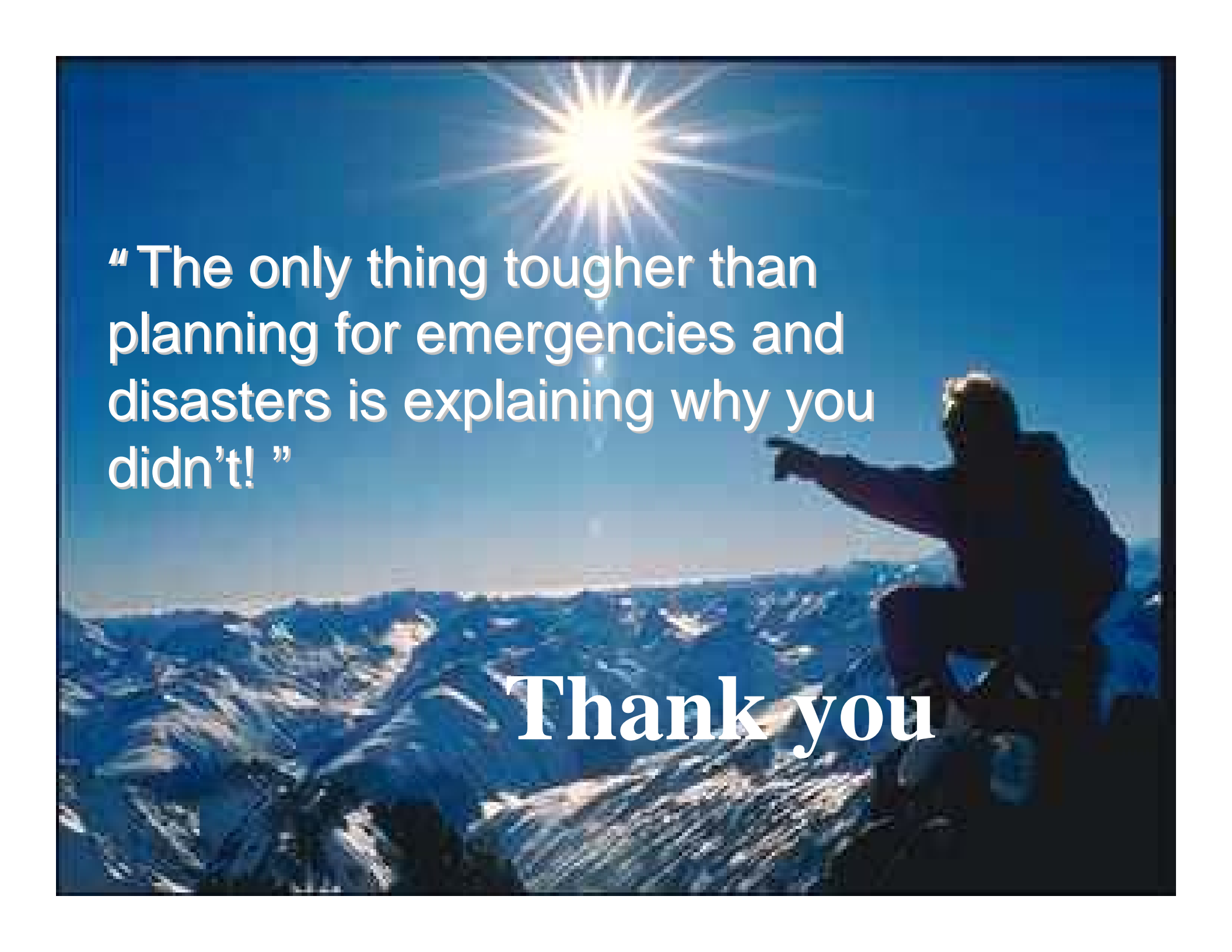
- Neighbours report to Assembly Point
- Account for missing people
- Organize response unit action
- Organize available resources
- Establish communications with team & community at large
- Conduct rapid damage assessment
- Conduct basic fire suppression & utilities safety
- Establish first aid
- Conduct search & rescue
- Establish shelter & care giving

# Ending the Presentation

## Should contain:

- ★ Summary
- ★ Reflection
- ★ Clarification (question & answer period)
- ★ Plan for implementation
- ★ What's next (next meeting date & agenda)
- ★ Recognition & Thank-yous



A person in a dark, possibly tactical or emergency suit, is silhouetted against a bright sun in a clear blue sky. The person is pointing their right hand towards the sun. Below the person, a cityscape is visible, with buildings and streets. The overall scene is high-contrast and dramatic.

**“The only thing tougher than  
planning for emergencies and  
disasters is explaining why you  
didn’t! ”**

**Thank you**