

START A BLOCK ACTION TEAM TODAY!!!!



➤ **What is a Los Altos Block Action Team (BAT)?**

A BAT is a group of neighbors, led by one or more of their residents, who want to have a strong, resilient and fun neighborhood. Co-leaders are encouraged.

➤ **What are the responsibilities of a BAT?**

- ✓ *Connect through social activities*
- ✓ *Work together to maintain a safe environment*
- ✓ *Organize Neighborhood Watch*
- ✓ *Help each other in emergency situations*

➤ **How much area does a BAT cover?**

The size of the BAT will be determined by the BAT leader & their neighbors. Some neighborhoods have logical boundaries that are easy to recognize; a typical block is often 15-50 households. The goal is to have every household in Los Altos included in a BAT.

➤ **What are the responsibilities of a BAT leader?**

- ✓ *Define your "block" (typically 15-50 households)*
- ✓ *Develop and maintain a neighborhood roster*
- ✓ *Relay information to households in your block*
- ✓ *Find others who are willing to assist in areas such as emergency planning or crime prevention*
- ✓ *Lead and/or assist in setting up plans in your block for disaster preparedness, crime prevention, social block parties, looking after seniors, and involving youth*
- ✓ *Network with other BAT leaders and have fun*
- ✓ *Engage a fellow neighbor to be your co-leader*
- ✓ *Recruit your replacement as BAT leader – if your circumstances change in the future*

➤ **Why has the Los Altos Community Foundation started the BAT Program**

- ✓ *To build community at the neighborhood level*
- ✓ *To provide a stronger network to assist, when needed, the senior members of our community*
- ✓ *To strengthen the role and engagement of youth as valued community members*

➤ **What is the Los Altos PREPARE Program and what will it do?**

- ✓ *A program of the Los Altos Community Foundation, started by volunteers, for the purpose of building a stronger community to ensure that we are prepared and can effectively respond to major disasters and emergencies, such as a major earthquake.*
- ✓ *Provide training, support and tools for the BAT and BAT leader*
- ✓ *Establish Communication Zones for use during declared city-wide emergencies*
- ✓ *Host educational events focused on safety and preparedness*
- ✓ *Interface with City Officials and First Responders (Police & Fire) to enhance our community's preparedness, response and recovery knowledge and abilities.*

➤ **How do I start a BAT?**

- ✓ *Sign up for BAT Leader training at www.losaltosbat.org*
- ✓ *Call 650-949-5908 for more information or visit www.losaltosbat.org*