

The ReadyForce Team is composed of resident volunteers and a Rose Villa staff liaison. The primary mission of ReadyForce is to help independent living residents prepare for emergencies.

Specific activities include:

- 1. Assist Rose Villa in developing and updating emergency preparation plans, providing the conduit for resident input to those plans.
- 2. Work with Rose Villa to encourage resident preparedness by jointly developing and implementing training programs and drills.
- 3. Advise individual residents who may need assistance in preparing for emergencies.
- 4. Conduct neighborhood meetings to encourage neighborhoodlevel preparation.

During an actual emergency, ReadyForce will self-organize and become an asset that is available to the Rose Villa Incident Command team. As with any emergency asset, the actual use of ReadyForce will depend on each emergency situation, the number and capability of ReadyForce members who are available at the time of the incident, and environmental conditions.

ReadyForce members are seniors, and some have mobility issues that could limit their deployment. There are also environmental situations such as smoke emergencies and ice storms where ReadyForce volunteer deployment options are limited.