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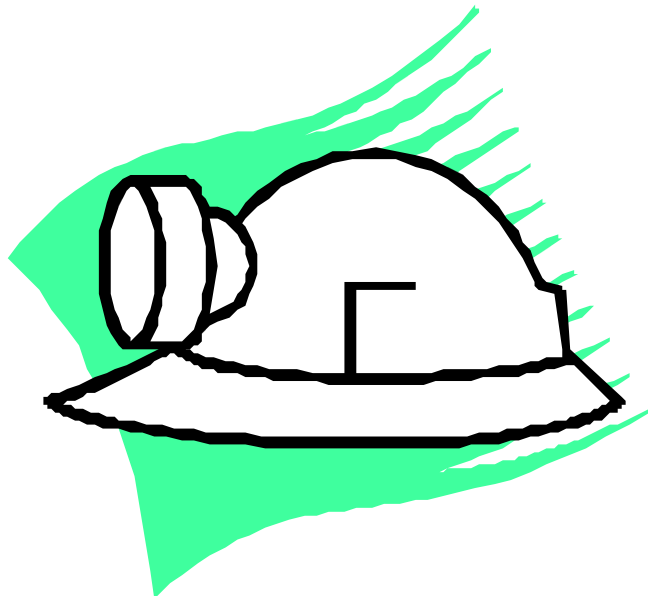
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ESDA Mission Statement

The Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (E.S.D.A.) is an all-volunteer public safety agency charged with a two-fold mission: coordination and provision of activities related to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery and provision of both unique and supplemental emergency services which are provided on an on-call basis for emergencies, disasters and community functions.

Disaster related activities include development and maintenance of a single, comprehensive emergency operations plan, development and maintenance of community warning systems, providing a fixed emergency operations center and mobile command center for facilitating the direction of emergency operations, alerting key officials and notifying the public of impending emergencies, encouraging disaster mitigation efforts, and promoting and fostering private efforts to prepare for disasters.

Emergency services functions include providing mobile and portable lighting and power, search and rescue services, traffic direction, supplemental security and patrol functions, crowd control, emergency communications, severe weather monitoring, and other specialized functions as needed.



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Maybe you haven't heard of the Mokena Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA), but you've probably seen its members. Whether it's a fire, a major traffic accident, a storm or a community event, ESDA is usually there. Mokena ESDA provides a variety of emergency services for the safety of the citizens of Mokena. This includes traffic direction, mobile lighting, search and rescue, severe storm monitoring, communications, security, and more. Mokena ESDA responds any time of the day or night. ESDA also coordinates response to major emergencies and disasters, maintains the Village's outdoor warning siren system, and performs other functions to help the

Village and its residents prepare for disasters.

ESDA is staffed entirely by volunteers. ESDA personnel train, keep equipment in a state of readiness, and respond to emergencies when called upon. They also provide their services at community events for the safety of the public. All of their time, approximately 1,500 hours a year, is provided at no cost to the residents of Mokena.

Mokena ESDA is currently looking for new volunteers. Although membership requires dedication and a willingness to help others under adverse conditions, it does not require a large commitment of spare time. On average,

ESDA members attend two meetings and work at three or four emergencies or community events each month. ESDA members are provided with all necessary training, uniforms, and other equipment.

If you think you would like to become an ESDA member we would like to hear from you. Mokena residents age 21 and older are eligible to apply. If you would like to receive additional information please call the Mokena ESDA at (708) 479-3922. You may also learn more about Mokena ESDA by visiting the Village's website at www.mokena.org, click on Site Map and click on Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA).

WARNING SIRENS

Mokena ESDA maintains and operates warning sirens located throughout the Village to provide warning to residents in the event of any of a number of emergencies. These sirens are tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The sirens use two district signals.

The **first signal** consists of a three minute steady blast. This signal is used to notify residents of an actual or imminent emergency. Although it may be used for a number of different emergencies, it is most commonly used to warn of a sighting of a funnel cloud or tornado in the area.

The **second signal** consists of a three minute up-and-down blast. This signal is used solely for an actual or imminent national emergency, and has no other purpose or meaning.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS to question the siren meanings.

Upon hearing either of these signals, residents should seek shelter in their home or place of business and tune to one of Mokena's emergency information stations - WJOL, 1340 AM, or WILL, 96.7 FM. Again residents are urged NOT TO CALL 9-1-1 to find out why the sirens are sounding. Doing so prevents emergency calls from being answered. Call 9-1-1 only if there is an emergency. In addition to the warning sirens, the Village of Mokena can alert residents by an emergency cable television override system and through the use of a telephone based automated notification system. Residents should be alert for emergency information from these sources as well.