

Public Safety

The Woodinville Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission is committed to continuously improving our community. Our duties and responsibilities include making recommendations to the City Council that will help protect our families, neighbors and businesses from harm or danger in the event of a disaster. While the Commission remains focused on preparing for natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods, we are also tasked with making recommendations to the City Council about general public safety needs of the community. Last year a panel of Woodinville citizens convened and made 25 recommendations to the City Council, which were subsequently approved. You may have noticed some of the improvements that your fellow citizens made, such as crosswalk flags at some of the more dangerous crossings or “Woodinville Cares” signs as you enter the city. The recommendations have been categorized into three phases. Implementation of the remaining recommendations will continue over the next two years.

Disasters can be come in many different forms. A regional disaster such as a major earthquake or volcanic eruption could be devastating for millions of people. Isolated flooding or a toxic chemical spill may be more localized, but the disaster is just as real for those nearby. Likewise, a home fire, traffic accident or burglary is equally distressing at a personal level. One of the best methods of preparing for a disaster is to prevent the disaster from happening in the first place. If you know of a particular dangerous situation that could potentially cause a pedestrian, bike or traffic accident then please let the City know. You are invited to our regularly scheduled public meetings at City Hall. Or, you can simply send an email to the Assistant to the City Manager, Alexandra Sheeks, at Asheeks@ci.woodinville.wa.us. She will make sure your comments are discussed at the next Commission meeting. We highly recommend that you take steps to prevent personal disaster by preparing a 3-Day Plan (see www.ready.gov) and getting involved with your Neighborhood Watch Program (<http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Live/CrimePrevention.asp>). Woodinville is a wonderful community in which to live, work and play. With your help, this will hold true for many more years.