



# City of Chino

## Emergency Preparedness

### Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Developing relationships with your neighbors before a disaster strikes is a critical component to Emergency Preparedness. You and your neighbors may need to depend upon one another until emergency responders are able to get to you. In our fast-paced society today, it's much harder to get to know our neighbors, so here are some hints and tips.



1. **Go for walks.** Just being outside in your neighborhood is a great way to start meeting people.
2. **Host a “block party.”** Invite your neighbors to bring their favorite dish and meet their neighbors. It's a great way to break the ice and get to know one another.
3. **Host a Neighborhood Watch meeting.** Contact the police department and ask how you can start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. You will not only get to meet your neighbors, but you'll be doing something positive for your community too.
4. **Plan a Neighborhood Clean Up Day.** Gather your neighbors together for a clean-up day. Plan to work in a certain area or have a common task (pick up trash, remove weeds, repair someone's fence, etc.) Take responsibility for your neighborhood and work together to make it a great place to live.
5. **Random acts of kindness.** There are a lot of little things you can do that will help open up the doors of communication between you and your neighbors. Here are just a few suggestions:
  - Sweep your neighbor's sidewalk or rake their leaves
  - Pick up trash and litter in the neighborhood
  - Bake cookies for your neighbors and deliver them personally
  - Provide your neighbors with Emergency Preparedness brochures
  - Share from your garden (fruit, vegetables or flowers)
  - Be a good neighbor... keep your yard clean, keep the music down, keep your pets from disturbing your neighbors
  - Report any graffiti, abandoned shopping carts, or broken street lights to the City so that your neighborhood looks clean and neat (591-9837).

### Identifying Special Needs

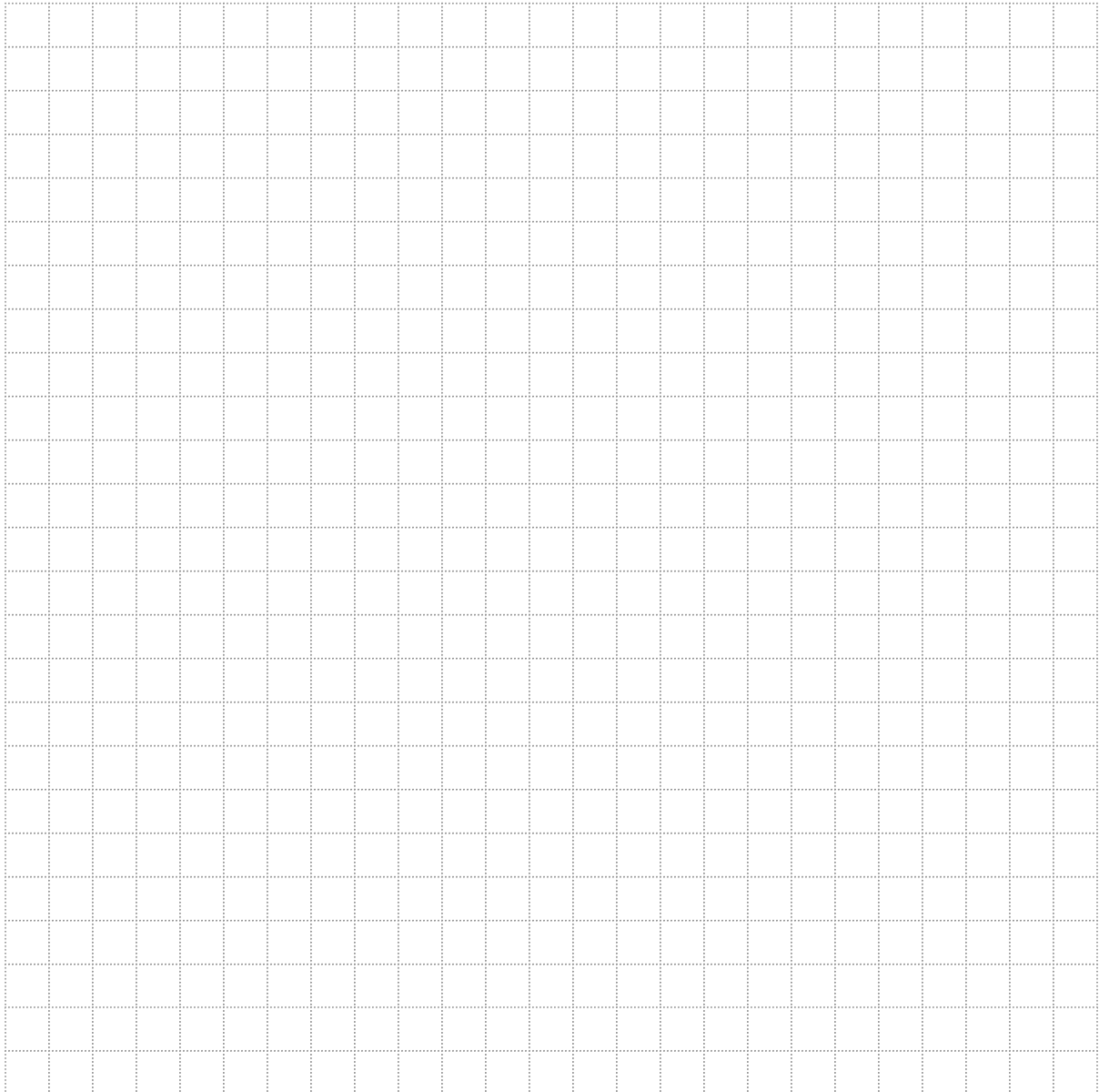
As you get to know your neighbors pay special attention to any special needs they may have (disabilities, medical problems, transportation issues, etc.). In a disaster, neighbors will be relying upon neighbors until emergency responders can arrive. Depending upon the size and scope of the disaster, the response time of emergency personnel may be

extended. Learn what the needs are in your neighborhood and find out how you can assist one another during a disaster.

Register any special needs on the Police Department’s website [www.chinopd.org](http://www.chinopd.org). Click on the “Are You Ready” icon on the home page and then select the “Register to Volunteer” page. Complete the personal information at the top of the page and go to Question 5 to describe the special needs.

## Neighborhood Map

Use the grid below to map out your neighborhood. Note the names and phone numbers of your neighbors along with any special needs they may have.

A large grid of 20 columns and 20 rows of dotted lines, intended for mapping a neighborhood. The grid is empty and occupies the lower half of the page.