



## Seattle Emergency Communications Hubs

<http://seattleemergencyhubs.org/>

A **Seattle Community Emergency Hub** is a pre-determined location where neighbors and community members are likely to gather to begin exchanging information and resources among themselves without outside assistance from City services.

A **Seattle Emergency Communications Hub** is an enhanced Community Emergency Hub. It has a core of trained volunteers with additional skills who can collect information on local situations, needs, and resources and assist in the allocation of resources to needs. They can relay information between Hubs, the Auxiliary Communications Service, or other locations so that it reaches those in need. Hub volunteers also aid the City of Seattle in encouraging neighbors to be individually and collectively prepared for a disaster.

*The hub mission is accomplished SOLELY through community volunteers.*

### How the Hubs function

- Nothing at the designated site until activation.
- Volunteers bring supplies and “set up shop” under an agreement with the site owner.
- Gather information and convey it in an organized way.
- The focus is community information sharing and helping each other help themselves, instead of waiting for first responders.

### A Hub is NOT...

- a government agency.
- an emergency shelter site.
- a fire/medic station.
- somewhere to expect to find food or supplies.

## LEVELS OF PREPAREDNESS



