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Scenario:

Simulation: There has been an earthquake of magnitude 6.9 on Tuesday February 11, 2020, at 7:23am along the Hayward Fault.

At approximately 7:52am, an aftershock of magnitude 6.5 subsequently triggered a magnitude 6.0 earthquake along the Concord-Green Valley fault.

Your response:

You have checked yourself, your family, and house. Everything is OK.

You are now checking your neighborhood.

At 381 Apollo Way, you discover a house fire. It appears all occupants have made it out safely. The occupants state that they tried to call 911 but couldn't get through. They said the fire started when a gas pipe broke.

Your PH CERT Area is the Northwest Area, and your message (if needed) will go to PH CERT Northwest ICP. You will identify yourself by your first name.

Do you need to send a message?

To determine whether to send a message, ask yourself the following questions. If your answer to any of them is "yes", you would send a message.

- **Is there is danger to life or property?**
Yes. There is danger to the house. It is on fire.
- **Do you need something (e.g., medical transport, fire department) from the ICP or EOC?**
Yes. You need the fire department to put out the fire, and you need PG&E to handle the gas leak.
- **Do you need to warn first responders of road closures that will impede their ability to respond (e.g., power lines across the road)?**
Possibly. The gas leak may affect the response of first responders.

Sending the message:

You now have determined that you need to send a message.

Write down what you want to send. Be brief and to the point.

To open the communication -

- You: This is a drill/exercise/test (say this only if practicing – not in a real disaster)
- You: Pleasant Hill Northwest ICP, this is <your first name>. Over.
- PH CERT Northwest ICP: This is a drill/exercise/test (say this only if practicing – not in a real disaster)
- PH CERT Northwest ICP: <your first name>, this is PH CERT Northwest ICP. Go ahead. Over.

To send the information you wrote down (keep the PTT button pressed throughout the transmission), say something like the following.

Note the **pauses** that allow the recipient to record the message.

- This is a drill/exercise/test (say this only if practicing – not in a real disaster)
- Pleasant Hill Northwest ICP, this is <your first name>. *Pause*
- I am at 381 Apollo Way (spell Apollo if necessary). *Pause*
- The house is on fire. *Pause*
- There is a gas main break. *Pause*
- We need the Fire Department and PG&E. Over

Release the PTT button to allow the PH CERT Northwest ICP to respond.