

# About Be Ready Manoa

Be Ready Manoa (BRM), formerly known as the Manoa Disaster Preparedness Team, began meeting in November 2013 in order to more cohesively address disaster preparedness in Manoa. Since November 2016, Be Ready Manoa is an approved 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Be Ready Manoa promotes situational awareness & planning to potential disasters and organizes disaster preparedness meetings and training classes for community homeowners, businesses, and volunteers. BRM will provide aid and support to the Manoa community to respond to man-made and natural disasters for which first responders may not be readily available. Should a statewide disaster strike – like a category 3 or 4 hurricane – BRM will warn residents to be prepared and will self activate post disaster to help the Manoa community sustain itself until first responders are able to reach us and work closely with City/State/Federal agencies to help our community recover to pre-disaster normality as quickly as possible. The BRM team – under the guidance of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resiliency Program (HHARP) – is made up of willing and able residents who volunteer their time to train and educate residents on how they can prepare for disasters – and we welcome all Manoa residents to join our group and/or participate in any workshops that we offer. Through the combined efforts of many residents, Manoa was designated as the first ‘resilient’ urban community by the City and County of Honolulu in August 2017. The Be Ready Manoa Preparedness and Response Plans can be found in the menu at the top of the home page or under ‘Useful Links – Documents’. Anyone wishing to join Be Ready Manoa should attend our monthly meetings which are posted in the ‘Upcoming Events’ link in the menu at the top of the home page or under ‘This Months Events’.

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