

SNOW EMERGENCY In the event of a heavy snow, such as was visited upon Pine Knoll Shores last winter, the Civil Preparedness Organization has completed plans for prompt relief of the situation. The plans were presented to the Board of Commissioners recently by Alan Mitchell Director of Civil Preparedness, and since then has been discussed with appropriate officials of the Fire and Rescue Departments and the police.

Since Civil Preparedness is now equipped with a weather radio monitoring device a developing storm can be tracked. If it appears this storm will result in a heavy snow fall, the Emergency Operations Center at Town Hall will be activated and all operations and communications will be conducted from that point.

Mr. Mitchell told the Commissioners that arrangements have been made to have one fire department crew on hand at the center, along with one rescue squad crew, at least one police officer, and one four-wheel drive vehicle and operator. The five civil preparedness area coordinators will be notified and requested to come to the Town Hall for installation of two way radios in their cars, or for use in their homes, so as to maintain continuous communications from the various sectors in the town with the Emergency Center. They will report any unusual situations developing in their sectors, such as any life threatening emergencies, fires, people needing heat or food. It is expected police on the streets also will report such problems.

In order to facilitate operations and movement in the town the following streets will be kept open to the extent equipment is available: Pine Knoll Boulevard from the Town Hall to Salter Path Road, Oakleaf Drive, Mimosa Boulevard Hawthorne Drive, Loblolly, Cedar, Willow, and Juniper streets. The State of North Carolina will be requested to open Salter Path Road. With this pattern, Mr. Mitchell said, most citizens will be one block from the open street, as a practical matter.

Residents of Pine Knoll Shores are urged, in the event a storm of some magnitude is imminent, to have on hand sufficient food and other essentials to last three or four days. In case of problems, however, residents should call the Emergency Center at 726-3021, the Carteret County Communications Center at 8-723-4111, or an area coordinator. These are: Area 1-Bill Ford, 726-2226; Area 2-Ray Hare, 726-1829; Area 3-Jim Council, 726-3903; Area 4-Milton Yaeck, 726-8666, and Area 5-Ed Sigall, 726-6469.

RESCUE SQUAD GIVES Members of the Pine Knoll Shores Rescue Squad, at a public meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 3, gave a demonstration of their operations and equipment. The Squad, under the direction of Brenda Cox and Dan Sotir, director and assistant director, and Ken Doremus, discussed the work of the Squad implemented by a slide film presentation. On display were items the Squad uses while in operation and for training purposes. Members of the Squad also checked blood pressures of the guests upon request and opened the ambulance to show off its equipment.

One of the purposes of the meeting was to enlist the enrollment of new members for EMT training and for driver and communications people. Beginning in February training classes will be held for EMT's at CTC, while a driver training course is presently under way. Further information on this very valuable education and training can be obtained by calling Brenda Cox or Ken Doremus. Training and membership in the Rescue Squad is a very rewarding and satisfying experience.