



The First Ten Plays

DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOVED ONES*

- **Make a contact name list with multiple contact methods—and consider more than one phone carrier—including VOIP. (Update this every year, and keep multiple copies.)**
- **Learn text messaging, e-mail, and find your neighbor’s phone number(s).**
- **Identify a contact point out of state.**
- **Find someone who uses an 800 number to call as a message board.**
- **Canvas your area for pay phones and map their location. (They still exist.)**
- **Carry a bag of coins and a calling card in your car or truck.**
- **Consider buying satellite phones.**
- **Consider CB radios, hand-held radios, and low range handi-talkies.**
- **Become a HAM radio operator or get to know an amateur radio specialist.**
- **Register at a Red Cross shelter.**

** These are not listed in order of importance but as a group of activities that will increase the possibility of positive outcomes.*