

MINUTES

City of Pacifica
Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission
Pacifica Police Department Conference Room
2075 Coast Highway
Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Erbacher, Chiechi, Shaw, Salisbury, Balesteri,
Blackburn, Johnson

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex Officio Members Present: Wisell, Schultz, Mahaley, Peterson

Ex Officio Members Absent: Lancelle

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Realyvasquez
Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the minutes for the August 19, 2009 meeting.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA:

1. Approval of the order of agenda for September 16, 2009

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chiechi stated the county disaster preparedness fair he had been working on conflicts with the Pacifica's Fog Fest therefore, he has delegated responsibility to his marketing director. This fair is an interagency event and there will be exhibitions of canine identification chips and similar devices for children. The event will take place on September 26 at Hilltop Mall in Richmond.

Commissioner Blackburn stated it's National Preparedness Month and the FEMA website has a great deal of information on emergency preparedness.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Member Schultz advised that the Jefferson High School District has submitted the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan to ABAG. The plan has been approved by the board and is on the district website for review.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Realyvasquez stated that he has been attending weekly meetings with other department heads in order to finalize Pacifica's hazard mitigation plan. A summary of the finalized plan was placed on the city's website for review. Directions to a link where the complete plan can be viewed.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that on August 8, 2009 he along with Chief Saunders and Captain Tasa attended a multi agency Tsunami tabletop exercise in Half Moon Bay facilitated by OES. A follow up exercise will be conducted on October 1, 2009 at the Pacifica Police Department.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that on August 27, 2009 he met with a representative from the National Weather Service to discuss the cities storm ready plan. The plan is close to finalization and once this plan is completed then he will begin work on the Tsunami ready plan.

Captain Realyvasquez reported on the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day event at South San Francisco High School. Sergeant Londerville, Ex-Officio Member Peterson and two CERT personnel staffed the booth for the day. The event was well attended and informative to the public.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that on September 29, 2009 there would be "Sky Warn Storm Spotter" training conducted at the police department. This training is open to anyone to attend. He has made CERT members aware of the training. The National Weather Service will be conducting training with the Pacifica Police Department Dispatchers on how to properly translate weather information they receive.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that a new CERT class will be starting on September 23, 2009 and continue every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. He is working with Half Moon Bay Police Department on conducting CERT training together in the future.

Captain Realyvasquez advised that a full volume Tsunami siren warning test was conducted a few weeks ago. The test was successful and it appeared that the people who are designed to hear the siren were able to hear it. A phone alert was also sent through the 10's system the night before notifying 18,000 people. It was discovered that the system took longer then expected to complete the task.

Captain Realyvasquez stated there has not been much interest from the CERT personnel in participating in the Fog Fest Parade. At this time there does not appear to be enough members willing to participate to be a part of the parade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jean Johnson commented that she lives in the Sharp Park area and did not hear the tsunami siren. She stated that many people in Sharp Park did not hear the tsunami siren.

Jean Johnson reported that Ace Hardware did participate in a presentation for the disaster preparedness event at the Community Center providing smoke alarms and flashlights. She reported that paramedics also put on a presentation. The information being presented was of interest but the presenter was not an accomplished public speaker and could have done a better job.

Jean Johnson commented that she observed the City of Pacifica painting curbs in various places but not in front of fire hydrants. She placed a phone call to the City of Pacifica and was advised that the curbs in front of fire hydrants were not being painted because there is no active enforcement. She did not know whom she actually spoke with when she was told this information.

Jean Johnson was advised that the Pacifica Police Department does enforce fire hydrant violations and there is no requirement for the curb to be painted red in order to issue violations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Blackburn completed the Fog Fest Booth assignments and confirmed with members when they would be at the Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission booth.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 6:57 PM