

## MINUTES

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 17, 2010

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Blackburn called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Commissioners Absent: Balestreri

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

Ex Officio Members Absent: Mahaley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Capt Realyvasquez  
 Sgt Londerville

**APPROVAL**

**OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the February 17, 2010 were approved.

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**OF AGENDA:** Agenda for March 17, 2010 meeting approved.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Blackburn reported that he responded to the FEMA Oakland operations center following the earthquake in Chile on 2-27-10 that resulted in a tsunami advisory for the west coast Communication and actions taken by the effected areas were all appropriate and the event was a successful operation.

Commissioner Salisbury discussed the power outage in Palo Alto last month due to the plane crash into the power lines and the effect on the local hospital she is employed at. The hospital was without outside power for eleven hours. The hospital is equipped with generator power but only a limited number of dedicated outlets will have power when

operating on a generator. It was challenge to make sure all necessary equipment had power during this event.

Commissioner Chiechi commented that a similar incident occurred from a large scale power outage at the mall and they discovered that non-emergency items, such as decorative lights, were plugged into the emergency circuits and working while the PA system was not. This led to a review of the system and correction of the problem.

Commissioner Chiechi presented a sample of a tri fold wallet sized communication plan card he had created. The card would allow people have easy access to a list of emergency numbers.

**EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:**

Ex Officio Member Lancelle stated she had requested Captain Realyvasquez attend the next council meeting and update the City of Pacifica council members on the Silver Dragon exercise.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Sergeant Londerville reported that Elaine Larsen was unable to attend this meeting but could attend next month or meet with commission members individually. It was agreed to invite Elaine Larsen to the April 21, 2010 meeting.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that the tsunami advisory that occurred on February 17, 2010 was a good test for all the effected regions along the California. He was notified of the tsunami advisory at about 0400 hrs. Initial response was to keep the Pacifica pier and Linda Mar Beach parking lot closed. Continual updates were made, conference calls to exchange information were conducted throughout the day and communication between agencies was better.

The threat of a tsunami was over by about 1700 hrs but the official all clear was not issued until about 1900 hrs. The event was a good test of current procedures and a successful operation. It was good opportunity to work with the other agencies and put into action the concepts and procedures developed during training for a tsunami incident.

The Silver Dragon exercise occurred on 3-11-10 in Pacifica at the Community Center. About 30 to 35 CERT members participated in the exercise. The lower Linda Mar area was the focus of the operation where brochures were delivered by CERT teams. Overall the event was a successful training exercise. Problems with the type of maps issued to CERT teams and communication issues with the hand held radios were discussed following the event.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The commission discussed various ideas for the City of Pacifica Fog Festival booth. Visual aids such as CERT equipment, videos and raffle prizes were all considered as potential ideas. Soliciting donations to purchase a new television to show videos at the fog fest was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**OTHER: None**

**ADJOURNMENT: 1853 Hrs**