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

DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2011

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Balestreri, Erbacher, Shaw, Johnson, Blackburn,

Salisbury, Chiechi

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex Officio Members Present: Mahaley, Dejarnet

Ex Officio Members Absent: Wisell, Schultz, Peterson

STAFF PRESENT: Capt Bertini

Sgt Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February 16, 2011 were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the March 16, 2011 meeting was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

The commission welcomed the new representative from the City of Pacifica, Councilmember Peter Dejarnet.

Commissioner Balestreri completed a rough draft of an article for the "Map Your Neighborhood" program. The intent is to educate the public about the program and provide information how to obtain it.

Commissioner Balestreri also stated that Elaine Larsen from the Pacifica Tribune newspaper will provide a 2 ½ inch by 3 inch guest column each week to use to provide the community with information.

Commissioner Erbacher stated he heard through several sources that the response from the City of Pacifica for the tsunami warning was excellent and showed good preparation by city personnel

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex- Officio Member Mahaley reported that the OES tsunami exercise planned for 3-23-11 had been cancelled. The San Mateo County Emergency Preparedness Day is set for 6-11-11 on the first day of the San Mateo County Fair. The location will be the Expo Hall at the fairgrounds and the event will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Bertini spoke about the city response to the tsunami warning following the earthquake in Japan. The tsunami sirens were not sounded in Pacifica. The plan was to notify people in the flood zones through the reverse 9-1-1 system" by phone first followed by the tsunami sirens. As information came in it became apparent there was no reason to activate the tsunami sirens. The phone calls were made and SMC alert was used to disseminate information. There are some issues with the phone system due to internet phone service that does not allow the system to make a connection and the data base is uploaded every six months. Evacuation from the flood zones was done on a voluntary basis.

Captain Bertini stated that on 4-14-11 Pacifica, Half Moon Bay and the County of San Mateo OES will conduct a review of the response to the tsunami warning.

Captain Bertini reported that local schools closed for several reasons. Two of the schools were being used as shelters and for traffic related problems that would occur if the tsunami did hit Pacifica.

Captain Bertini reminded the commission that Tsunami awareness week is 3-21-11 to 3-26-11.

Captain Bertini reported that Silver Dragon V will be occurring on March 24, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Daly City. This is an exercise conducted from a Grant from the CDC to simulate distribution of medicine following an anthrax attack.

Sergeant Londerville reported that the Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission contact list will be updated and sent out to all members. The City of Pacifica Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission web site will also be updated as some of the information is outdated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 1832 Hrs.