

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order 1800 hrs.

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex Officio Members Present: Schultz, Wisell

Ex Officio Members Absent: Mahaley

STAFF PRESENT: Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the March 20, 2013 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn gave a presentation to the commission members concerning flooding and flood insurance. In July of 2012 the Biggert-Waters National Flood Insurance Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2012 was signed by the President of the United States into law. This legislation re-authorized the flood insurance program for five years through 2017. There are some significant changes in the flood insurance program that will affect current flood insurance policies in Pacifica. Coastal communities may see significant increases in high risk flood zones.

Commissioner Blackburn recommended that the City Council should be made aware of this act and the Community Rating System through FEMA that rates a community regarding risk factors for flooding. The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. The rating system affects current insurance rates. Pacifica has been reviewed and rated as a class 7 on a scale of 1 to 10.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Commissioner Schultz reported that he attended a coalition meeting of north county police chiefs, superintendents of high school, middle school and elementary schools to develop a county wide program for an emergency response to an active shooter on campus. The intent is to standardize school and police response to these incidents.

Ex-Officio Commissioner Schultz attended the tsunami exercise in Half Moon Bay. This exercise focused on coastal communities.

Ex-Officio Commissioner Wisell reported that Pacifica School District Ray Avilla will be the new Assistant Superintendent and is expected to take his new role effect in July 2013. Ray Avilla responsibilities will include disaster preparedness issues with the school district.

Olga Crowe from the Red Cross conducted a presentation on "CEAP" the Coast-side Emergency Action Program to the Commission. CEAP covers a coastal territory from the Santa Cruz border north to mid coast. Red Cross is tasked through FEMA with creating "VOAD's" Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. This is a national organization broken down into state and county levels. San Mateo County was not part of the program until just a few months ago. The first official meeting of the San Mateo County VOAD occurred on March 1, 2013. Olga Crowe requested a representative from the Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission be a part of the San Mateo County VOAD. The next meeting will be April 5, 2013 and occur the first Friday of each month at the Half Moon Bay EOC.

Olga Crowe will send information concerning training offered by the Red Cross to Sergeant Londerville. She also advised that April 6, 2013 is the Coast side Preparedness Day in Half Moon Bay.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Sergeant Londerville reported that the County annual Disaster Preparedness Day will be held at the San Mateo County Fair again this year on June 8, 2013. There may be a CERT demonstration as part of the event this year.

Captain Spanheimer attended a CERT Committee meeting on March 25, 2013. Discussions were held to get CERT programs within San Mateo County consistent with each other in regards to policy and procedures.

Captain Spanheimer attended a PGE seminar on March 5th, 2013 in Santa Rosa regarding their emergency responses.

Captain Spanheimer has attended meeting regarding the City of Pacifica's hazard mitigation plan. The Plan is good until 2015. There will be continuing meetings to discuss updates for the future.

Captain Spanheimer met with the Principal of Ortega School and briefed them on the changes to the active shooter response. Plans for response to schools in Pacifica have been completed by the police department and are site specific to each school.

Captain Spanheimer attended the tsunami exercise in Half Moon Bay on March 12, 2013. This exercise focused on coastal communities.

Captain Spanheimer attended a tour of the new tunnel with Cal-Trans and reviewed safety measures in place. The ceremony to open the tunnel is planned for March 25, 2013 and the official opening should be March 26, 2013.

The tsunami sirens were inoperable for the past month but are now back online. The microwave phone system for the police department has been re-activated.

Sergeant Londerville completed the internship letter and presented the finalized version to the Commission. The Commission approved the letter with an ending date for applications of May 15, 2013.

Plans for a CERT class in Pacifica are still in process.

An appeal of a vehicle tow hearing is being scheduled for the April 17, 2013 meeting.

The police department will be providing security at the Pro Camps event featuring San Francisco 49er Colin Kaepernick on March 23, 2013 from 0800-1300 hours at Ocean High School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The internship letter was finalized and was given to Ex-Officio Commissioner Schultz for dissemination to Terra Nova High School and Oceana High School Principals. Ex-Officio

Commissioner Schultz is preparing a list of Boy Scout Troops in Pacifica for the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission selected Commissioner Erbacher be the representative to the San Mateo County VOAD. The next meeting will take place on Friday April 5, 2013 9:30 am in the Half Moon Bay EOC located at 537 Kelly Avenue.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hrs. 1846