

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: Blackburn

Ex Officio Members Present: Avila, Ervin, Crowe

Ex Officio Members Absent: Schultz, Mahaley

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Spanheimer, Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the February 19, 2014 meeting was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Shaw reported that the City of Pacifica CERT classes are going well and the participants are enjoying the course. There are 21 students taking the course.

The next CERT class is being scheduled to begin in August 2014.

Commissioner Taverna discussed a new smart phone app available to Santa Clara county residents called "PulsePoint" It is a free life-saving smartphone application that is available to the residents of Santa Clara County. The app uses location-based technology to alert CPR-trained citizens that someone in their immediate area is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The alerted CPR-trained citizen finds that person and may begin resuscitation until emergency responders arrive. The app also directs these connected

citizens to a nearby public automated external defibrillator (aka AED). PulsePoint is available for free in the Apple iTunes App Store and Google Play.

The introduction of PulsePoint to the City of San Jose in 2012 and its rollout to the cities and towns of Santa Clara County were made possible by El Camino Hospital.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Member Ray Avila introduced himself to the Commission and will be the new representative for the Pacifica School District.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Spanheimer reported that the County Emergency Services Council has recently updated the joint powers agreements among the cities and the County of San Mateo. Discussion within the county is ongoing on how to ensure CERT workers are covered for liability if assigned outside of the City they were activated in. Currently when a City activates CERT personnel they are covered as Disaster Service Workers for liability and injury but only when working within that city.

Captain Spanheimer attended a tsunami conference in San Francisco on February 11, 2014 with Steve Mahaley and Nick Gatusso from the County OES.

Sunset Ridge School had a violent intruder lock down exercise. The results were very good.

There will be a Tsunami table top exercise on March 27, 2014. The EOC will be activated and each section will be manned for this exercise. The amateur radio operators will also be participating in the exercise. There may be field units sent out to test radio communications and an evacuation center may be opened.

The annual Silver Dragon exercise will be held in Pacifica this year. The exercise is scheduled for April 17, 2014. Daly City will be participating in the exercise.

Captain Spanheimer discussed the Teen CERT program that is designed for high school age participants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Breck Hitz introduced himself as the CERT Coordinator for the City of Pacifica's CERT program.

Breck Hitz is working with the community on the "Map your Neighborhood" program as the city liaison. He discussed the program and the basics for how it works.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Salisbury made contact with high schools regarding the volunteer intern. Oceana High School advised there were some students who would be interested. The Community Services Coordinator for the school will have the students who are interested in the position submit a resume.

Commissioner Chiechi will make contact with one of the Boy Scouts troops in town to determine if there is any service the Commission can provide concerning disaster preparedness.

The Commission discussed with the Red Cross Representative Olga Crowe concerning shelter training. A class was discussed being put on in April 2014.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hrs. 1838