

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order 1830 hrs.

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: Salisbury

Ex Officio Members Present: Keener, Fleming, DeCarlo, Mahaley

Ex Officio Members Absent: Schultz

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Chief Spanheimer
Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the January 21, 2015 were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the February 18, 2015 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn reported during the fire on January 26, 2015 he received an SMC alert at around 0700 hours advising the evacuation order was cancelled. He was concerned that he did not receive an SMC alert advising there was an evacuation and questioned if the reverse 9-1-1 was used.

Commissioner Johnson reported that she received an SMC alert on January 26, 2015, the first at 0535 hours and the second at 0651 Hours.

Commissioner Chiechi felt that the fire prevention program for the Red Cross could be a good community outreach event for this Commission.

Commissioner Erbacher presented some ideas for the Fog Fest booth; smoke alarms replace old batteries signs and have spare batteries.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Member Mahaley confirmed that two SMC alerts had been sent out regarding the fire. Disaster preparedness will be on June 6, 2015 at the County Fairgrounds.

Ex-Officio member Fleming advised that Red Cross in beginning a nationwide fire safety campaign. This is a yearlong campaign and there are some pamphlets and flyers available.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Sergeant Londerville advised the Commission that the current class received training in light search and rescue this past week.

Chief Spanheimer advised that the final exercise and graduation will be on February 28, 2015. The annual commission report to the city council will be due in September 2015.

Pacifica participated in the final north county wide exercise Operation Cohesive Capability. The exercise was based on a terrorist attack on a Bart train in South San Francisco involving explosives and poison gas leak. This type of attack would not directly affect Pacifica and require an opening of our EOC we would send mutual aid. As part of the exercise Pacifica personnel help man South City's EOC.

The City of Pacifica will have a table top training exercise on May 20, 2015 requiring a full opening of our EOC.

There is a conference call on March 18, 2015 to clarify the tsunami training exercise set for March 25, 2015.

Chief Spanheimer reported that he has purchased and received several items for the CERT medical branch, including a 10'X25' shelter, cots, cot covers and "go bags" with medical supplies. There are 14 members in the CERT Medical Branch.

Chief Spanheimer provided a summary of the response to the fire on January 26, 2015. The Pacifica Community Center was opened as an evacuation center. There was mutual aid with North County Fire and police from the boarding agencies. SMC alert was used to inform residents in the area. The reverse 9-1-1 or "TENS" Telephonic Electronic Notification System was also used. The "TENS" system is older technology and is based on hard line phone connection. It will not work with internet phone systems. Red Cross was contacted to assist and sent assistance. They arrived at about the same time as everything was closing down. Lesson learned is to call Red Cross earlier in the event so they have more time to mobilize and respond.

Chief Spanheimer confirmed that the Silver Dragon exercise will be hosted by Brisbane this year on April 23, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Breck Hitz returned with the Map Your Neighborhood program to see if any commissioners present were willing to start the program in their neighborhood. Breck Hitz offered his assistance in the initial contact with the neighbors. Several pamphlets were handed out to Commission members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 1909 Hrs.