

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Ex Officio Members Present: Fleming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Mahaley, Schultz, Keener, Avila

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Spanheimer
Captain Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the April 15, 2015 were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the June 17, 2015 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn commented he was unable to attend the May 20, 2015 meeting as he was working on a training exercise. The scenario was a large catastrophic earthquake taking place in southern California the southern portion of the San Andreas Fault. While at the training he was reassigned due to a hurricane approaching Guam. The official name was "Tropical Storm Dolphin" and it did not make direct landfall on the island but caused some minor damage of wires down and interrupting electrical service. New improvements on the power poles as a result from past incidents left them standing and reduced the time needed to conduct repairs.

Commissioner Blackburn will be working with the California Department of Water Resources and Emergency Services due to issues caused from the ongoing drought and the possible upcoming “El Nino”.

Commissioner Salisbury provided an update on the sale of Seton Hospital. Prime Health Care backed out on the purchase of the hospital chain because of conditions that they were forced to take on as a condition of the purchase. There are new potential buyers and Seton has undergone some reorganization of services as preparation for a sale.

Commissioner Shaw reported that on May 2, 2015 the Medical branch for Pacifica CERT conducted a training exercise of setting up their portable hut. This was the first time in setting the structure up and was completed in about one hour.

Commissioner Shaw participated in Disaster Preparedness Day at the San Mateo County Fair. Disaster preparedness literature was passed out and several Pacifica residents signed up for the next available CERT class.

Commissioner Johnson participated in an EBOLA event exercise.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS: None

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Londerville advised participated in the Disaster Preparedness Day at the San Mateo County Fair on June 6, 2015. The event was very successful with a high number of people being educated on the need to be prepared. Interest in CERT and the SMC Alert programs were high.

Joe DeCarlo who had been the representative from the Pacifica School District has taken employment elsewhere and will no longer be attending these meetings. Ray Avila will be the representative until a replacement can be found.

John Shultz participated in the Tsunami exercise on March 25, 2015 and he is still the contact person for the Jefferson Union High School District for emergencies, so for now he is remaining as the contact person for this commission.

The annual report to be presented to the City Council is coming due in September 2015. Captain Londerville will send out to the Commission members last year’s report for review.

Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Taverna were advised that their Terms as members of this Commission were ending in October 2015. They should receive a notice from the city in order to submit their intent to continue or not.

Captain Spanheimer reported that the Pacifica School District is in the process of hiring a new employee to fill Joe DeCarlo's spot and we may have a replacement for next meeting.

Captain Spanheimer has been involved with the City regarding sea level rise. He has attended several workshops and meetings on this subject. The focus for San Mateo County so far has been on the San Francisco Bay side rather than the coast. There is a need to educate the public about this issue. The City of Pacifica is identifying areas of concern for sea level rise and working towards finding solutions to the possible problems.

Captain Spanheimer has been meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding disaster preparedness within the business community. Some links have been added to the web site for disaster preparedness relating to businesses and a separate section within SMC Alert has been completed for the business community.

Captain Spanheimer continues to work on the hazard mitigation report for Pacifica that needs to be completed every 5 years. There is a requirement for three public meetings as part of the plan and he is planning on making one part of the August 2015 Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission.

Captain Spanheimer advised that "National Night Out" will be on August 4, 2015 and that could be a good date to bring people together as part of "Map Your Neighborhood".

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed several ideas for what to disseminate information to the public for the booth at the Fog Fest. The Annual Fog Fest will take place on September 26, 2015 and September 27, 2015.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 1934