

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
DISASTER COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**April 20, 2010**

\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DISASTER COUNCIL.\*\*\*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Public Works Lieutenant Robert Jacobs called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT Members: Ron Ruiz (Public Works - Assistant Director of Emergency Services), Lieutenant Robert Jacobs (SFPD), Michael Edwards (ARCLA), John Cooper (Disaster Communications), and Diane Shepherd (CEMP)

ALSO PRESENT: Alix Stayton (Emergency Network of Los Angeles), Captain Ramon "Bubba" Willis (LAFD), and Maria Padilla (Public Works)

ABSENT: Mayor Mario F. Hernández, Councilmember Ernesto R. Hernández, Ron Powell (Disaster Communications), Roger Mason (Emergency Service - San Fernando) and Alfred Poirier (LAFD)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lt. Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Disaster Council agenda for April 20, 2010.

Motion: Diane Shepherd                      Seconded: Ron Ruiz  
For: Unanimous  
Against: None  
Abstained: None

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 26, 2009, Disaster Council meeting.

Motion: Ron Ruiz                      Seconded: John Cooper  
For: Unanimous  
Against: None  
Abstained: None

## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Disaster Preparedness Updates:** Lt. Jacobs handed out hard copies of Disaster Council Update PowerPoint presentation for the month of April. Some of the main points from the April Update presentation were:

Disaster Communication Training: Ron Powell conducted disaster communications training for new CERT volunteers.

CERT/Explorers/Disaster Communications Exercise: The Spring communications exercise was ran by John Cooper and the Disaster Communications Team. The explorers and CERT volunteers were involved. The exercise involved:

- Opening the EOC
- Operating the emergency radio room
- Sending radio teams out to assess the simulated damage

CERT Training: The next CERT Training begins May 3, 2010. The classes will be held at the San Fernando Regional will begin at 6:30 p.m.

EMIS Update: EMIS will be deactivated on May 1.

Alert LA County: LA County has developed their own reversed 911 system. The possibility of adopting the Alert LA County system for San Fernando is being assessed.

ICS Training: Roger Mason assisted Pasadena Fire teaching ICS 300-400. Pasadena PD has offered to assist with our training. Date has not been set for the training.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Member Appointments – The Council is looking into the possibility of rescheduling one meeting out of the year to see if it would be possible for councilmembers to attend.
2. Member Updates:

Captain Willis briefed the Council on the recent drill conducted.

John Cooper will continue training with Explorers. .

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Alix Stayton (Program Manager for the Emergency Network of Los Angeles – Working on finishing the implementation of their new strategic plan. Ms. Stayton provided the Council with information on training being held in September – targeted to special needs groups (seniors, homeless, etc.).

Diane Shepherd – Currently in the process of working out some MOUs with three independent search dog organizations located throughout Southern California.

Michael Edwards –April is earthquake preparedness month.

Captain Ramon Willis (LAFD) – Teen CERT program for 14-17 yr. olds. Monroe High is a participating school. Captain Willis also informed the Council that the new CERT manual should be out this summer.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Disaster Council meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 10:08 a.m.