

5-15-13 – MINUTES - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MID VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

1. Call meeting to order – 6:30pm – Deborah Stevens/Chair
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Deborah Stevens/Chair

2. Committee member roll call
Tino Julian/Absent
Deborah Stevens/Present
Frank Klein/Absent
John McGovern/Present
Dave Brown/Present

3. Public comments on non-agendized items – NONE

4. Presentations – NONE

5. Public speakers – NONE

6. Old Business – NONE

7. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Pilot Program for CERT training

Deborah contacted Stacy Gerlich, City Fire Captain, regarding organizing a CERT class for both board members as well as residents/stakeholders, the program is 8-10 weeks, online training to begin in July. At the end of the training, everyone attends a meeting. We will get the parameters from Captain Gerlich and relay them to the residents/stakeholders as well as all board members as soon as we know them. In addition, will send an eblast as well.

- b. Update and advise on various safety items

Discussion regarding informing residents/stakeholders of safety items that they should have on hand in case of an emergency:

1. Battery powered lights

2. Family Radio Service (FRS) phones; these would be extremely helpful in an emergency when cell phones may not work. Dave Brown will obtain more information to pass on to residents/stakeholders as well.

- c. Discussion regarding posting various class schedules on our website and facebook

1. Deborah discussed posting on our website and facebook, various schedules for safety classes as well as sending an eblast residents/stakeholders

- d. Neighborhood Watch meetings, 2nd Thursday of the month at St. Nicholas Greek Church on Balboa in Northridge as well as the Church of the Living Word in North Hills which are held quarterly, for more information contact the Church 818-891-8934; Dave Brown will contact the Church to see if we can obtain a flyer that can be posted.

e. Update and advise on Senior Lead Officer

Deborah will contact Officer Blizzard from Devonshire PD to see if he will speak at our GBM; Dave Brown has his direct line and email address.

f. Update and advise on working with other NC's

Discussion on how to network with other NC's regarding public safety issues

g. Update and advise on Neighborhood Watch signs

Dave Brown informed the committee that we should set up something for residents/stakeholders to inform us of any signs that are in need of replacement and/or repair as well as getting new signs installed in their areas. We have set up an email address nwatch@nhwnc.net for residents/stakeholders to report this information; Dave Brown will monitor the requests and respond. An eblast will be sent out to advise everyone what information is needed to resolve the problem.

8. Committee comments

Dave Brown advised that at Mission Hills, they are working on "mapping" the neighborhood to ensure quick response if there is an earthquake or other emergency situation. It might be something that the committee could look into for the North Hills West area.

Valley Alliance 818-885-8885 provides assistance in graffiti removal, they do an outstanding job; advise the residents/stakeholders if they need their services.

Devonshire PD is asking for volunteers for their Volunteer Surveillance program; application form to be sent to residents/stakeholders via eblast in case they are interested in volunteering.

9. Meeting adjourns – 7:48pm