



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND TRAUMA CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008

TIME: 12 noon

LOCATION: West Covina City Hall

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order at 12:00 pm

1.2 Introductions

Present

Alhambra	Ray Mosack
Duarte	Brian Villalobos
Glendora	John Schmidt
Industry	A.D.D. Hall
Irwindale	Robert Barnes
La Puente	Dan Holloway
	Rene Salas
Pasadena	Sid Tyler
	Lisa Derderian
Pomona	Carrie Cruz
West Covina	Paul Segalla
	Artie Fields
	Jim Rudroff
LA County	Keith Harrison

SGVCOG Staff

N. Conway, Executive Director

M. Creter, Staff

B. Cooke, Staff

Guests

Anthony Arakelian, LA County, Emergency Preparedness

John Telmos, EMS Agency

Brenda Hunemiller, Area D

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Correspondence

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Overview of Committee's History and Purpose

The Chair presented an overview of the committee. He stated emergency preparedness is a topic of interest for the San Gabriel Valley. In an effort to manage risks and hazards associated with natural and man-made disasters, the SGVCOG has committed to preparing for such events. To achieve this end, the

SGVCOG has established an Emergency Preparedness and Services Ad Hoc Committee that will strive to ensure that the proper steps are taken throughout the Valley to protect its residents.

For the upcoming year, three of the primary focuses will be: 1) The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) Points of Dispensing (POD) Study, 2) The Southern California Earthquake Center's (SCEC) Great California Shakeout, and 3) Evaluating the Effectiveness of Air Transport Services for East San Gabriel Valley Trauma Patients. In addition to the three specific projects, the committee will work to address a number of critical funding and coordination issues in order to enhance our response to any emergency.

4.2 Six Month Goals and Objectives

The following are goals that were established by the committee:

1. Model Disaster/Emergency Plans
2. Discuss the importance of emergency management as a whole
 - a. Few cities have a full-time coordinator
 - b. Need to work with Elected Officials and City Managers
 - c. A number of cities do not provide emergency management
 - d. In Pomona, every city staff member is CERT trained – this may be a good implementation plan for other cities
3. Encourage cities to create disaster councils that would meet on a regular basis (a best practice technique)
4. Create MOUs for emergency purchases – this requires the CM signature
5. Create video inventory of city infrastructure
6. Encourage cities to create 1 year disaster plans
7. Encourage cities to participate in the Shakeout
8. Need to find more POD sites and create an inventory
9. Encourage CM involvement
10. Encourage Chambers participation

4.3 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) points of Dispensing (POD) Study

A description of the purpose of the PODs was given. It was stated that in the time of need, they need to bring together members of the city staff to assist with logistics (i.e. parking, security, etc.). These PODs are mainly to be used in the event of a major bioterrorism attack, but can also be used for flu or disease outbreaks.

They are currently in the process of looking county-wide for 150 appropriate sites to be able to pre-plan. It was mentioned that a gymnasium would be a better place than a senior center or an auditorium. It is also possible for smaller cities to share facilities.

The following are some concerns that were addressed:

- In the event of major road closure, there may be airlifting through the sheriff of the LA County Fire Dept.
- The City needs to determine the use of a site
- There are some legal logistical issues for non-city-owned facilities (including school districts)
 - They are identifying contacts
- MOUs for the Use of the Buildings need to include how the damages will be paid for, who owns or controls the facility, the number must be identified, and the Center of POD
- Not all the PODs can be staffed at the same time; they are working on a unified command
The staffing options are:
 - LA DPH (but there are limited resources)
 - City staff (for traffic, people control, and security purposes)
 - Volunteers (may require training)
 - Mutual aid from outside the county
- Parking may be an issue in schools, and how to normalize children's lives

4.4 Southern California Earthquake Center's (SCEC) Great California Shakeout

LA County is participating in the regional Golden Guardian 2008 4 day event. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For those that cannot or have missed the deadline to sign-up are asked to at least perform the "duck, cover, hold" technique.

Dr. Lucy Jones will present findings on May 5th of real damages resulting from a 7.5 earthquake. It is anticipated that there will be 21 million participants in the simulation of a 23 minutes long 7.5 earthquake that will cause \$150 billion in damages, with 51 aftershocks. All cities are encouraged to participate and provide mutual aid.

The purpose is to prepare city departments and create a public awareness. There is a need for self-sufficiency because cities do not typically plan for catastrophic events. Training must be tightened.

There will be a second event on May 29th for city staff.

4.5 Air Transport Services for the East San Gabriel Valley Trauma Patients

SGVCOG previously worked to get trauma care for the East San Gabriel Valley. While a trauma care center could not be found, there were two major accomplishments: 1) receiving and designating a third helicopter based in the San Gabriel Valley, and 2) designating County USC as a trauma center.

LA County Fire data was presented. The information represented time under the hour for the helicopter. There has been an improvement in time for responding with helicopters.

5.0 Items for Future Meeting

Please revisit the Goals (Item 4.2)

6.0 Set Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of May, May 28th.

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.