

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
DISASTER COUNCIL**

MINUTES

July 27, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Lieutenant Robert Jacobs called the meeting to order at 9:20 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), Ron Powell (Disaster Communications), Connie Lackey (Providence Holy Cross Medical Center), and Maria Padilla (Public Works)

ABSENT: Mayor Mario F. Hernández, Councilmember Ernesto R. Hernández,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lt. Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Disaster Council agenda for July 27, 2010 was approved by general consensus.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Disaster Preparedness Updates: Lt. Jacobs informed the Council that due to budgetary constraints, Roger Mason's service contract could not be renewed. Mr. Mason's services will be greatly missed. He was a tremendous asset to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The New California Disaster Service Corps– John Cooper attended announcement of the California Disaster Service Corps. It is a new branch of the California Volunteers. It works on organizing/registering volunteers. One branch works with medical volunteers in California. The agency checks volunteers' certifications. The Disaster Corps goal is to have vast number of trained and registered volunteers. Volunteers do not have to register to participate in all the events. The Disaster Corps is evolving.
2. California Shakeout 2010 – October 21, 2010 is the California Shakeout. It is up to every city to decide if it is going to participate and if so how much. Council was informed that there are plenty of materials available on-line to help each entity plan for the event. John Cooper passed around a copy of the Shake Out Drill manual.
3. Member Updates:

Captain Poirier discussed recent combustible metal fires. The Fire Department will be looking into preventing catastrophic events like these. The department will be surveying metal yards and recycling centers in the City of San Fernando and Los Angeles.

CERT training continues to operate and there is also a Disaster Awareness course available. If any of the facilities in San Fernando need community outreach or

representation at fair, seminars or any event, Fire Department might be able to help out. The Fire Department can also help with any print-outs needed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Ron Powell informed Council that CERT is up and running. Last class was recently completed.

Lieutenant Jacobs would like to have an exercise to train on emergency radio message recordings.

Ron Ruiz informed the Council that 1690 AM can be used to broadcast announcements in case of emergencies.

Diane Shepherd briefed the Council on her recent participation in drill involving CERT and conducting building searches. Currently they have eight K9 people going through training program.

Connie Lackey mentioned that a new group has been formed. The group is the North Valley Disaster Preparedness Collaborative. The group meets quarterly. Ms. Lackey also informed the Council that Holy Cross will be holding a Safety Fair on Friday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North building.

Michael Edwards informed the Council that the Red Cross is looking at Best Practices. The Red Cross is also targeting partner training for sheltering and mass care for employees, vendors and clients at time of a disaster.

Alix Stayton (Program Manager for the Emergency Network of Los Angeles) is looking for geographic representation on their board. They would like to include more members from countywide. Ms. Stayton informed the Council of training to be held in Santa Clarita. If the City is interested in setting up a training, a room for 50 people with tables and chairs would be needed.

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 10:11 a.m.