

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: May 2, 2019
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: EOC
5200 Soquel Ave.,
Building C 2nd floor
Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions
Meeting called to order at 2:05
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 32 (Voting members: 14)
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Ian Larkin
 - 2.2.2 Brenda Brenner
 - 2.2.3 Randy Fedak
 - 2.2.4 Vance Wagner
 - 2.2.5 Craig Wilson
 - 2.2.6 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.7 Patsy Gasca
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Rosemary Anderson
 - 2.3.2 Martin Heaney
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved: 14 present
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
None
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes were sent via email 3.27.2019
 - 4.1 Minutes approved unanimously
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
 - 5.1 Third District Reappointments to various County Advisory Bodies
Joe Christy
 - 5.2 Fourth District Reappointments to various County Advisory Bodies
Robert Wiser
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
None

7.0 Presentations:

7.1 “Team Rubicon Overview”

Presenter: Ernest Hardy, District Coordinator. Ernest is an engineering technician at a local biotechnology start up, Search and Rescue volunteer for the Sheriff’s Department, coach for junior roller derby, and City Administrator for Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon is a volunteer disaster recovery force founded in 2010 by two Marines to respond to devastation from the Haiti earthquake. They provide a variety of free services for communities affected by earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, tornadoes, and other disasters.

Team Rubicon’s primary mission is providing disaster relief to those affected by natural disasters, be they domestic or international. By pairing the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, medical professionals, and technology solutions, Team Rubicon aims to provide the greatest service and impact possible.

(Translated mission: Emergency communications for free for disasters—prioritize for the most impact. Life safety is the first priority.)

- Responded to over 346 operations around the world (90% in the U.S.),
- Also provide water, sanitation, and hygiene consultations
- Follows FEMA –CA in region 9
Incident mgmt.; damage and impact, debris management, chainsaw, heavy equipment, demo and muck-out, home remediation/repair
- Deploy teams with all needed equipment

Information Technology Resource Center (ITDRC)

- Sets up emergency communications in disasters
- Sets up laptops, printers, IT support WIFI, battery charging, etc., for the community
- Supports government agencies, nonprofits
- Supports donation centers
- 1,300 credentialed members
- Does more on the recovery and mass care side
- Prioritizes safety
- Also supports learning for children affected by disasters
- Funded by private donations; individuals and significant support from Silicon Valley companies
- Responds across the US
- Partners with Dish—they provide money and equipment

They also respond to events such as refugee crises, including the Venezuelan migrant crisis 2019. People get stuck in camps for a long time. Team Rubicon provides phones, internet, etc. for education, job search, and other needs.

7.2 “Pro-bono Communications in Disasters--Cisco Tactical Operations”

Presenter: Dustin Li, Tactical Operations Coordinator, Cisco TacOps. Dustin Li serves as an operations coordinator for Cisco Tactical Operations (TacOps), a team with a pro-bono mission to deliver emergency communications infrastructure to disasters around the globe. He spearheads software development efforts and coordinates team deployments, including to Antigua and Barbuda (Hurricane Irma), Northern California wildfires, and Guatemala (Volcan de Fuego).

- Services are 100% pro bono
- They are like paramedics for communications.
- Can set up interim systems
- TacOps originally formed in 2003 for military support; in 2005 Hurricane Katrina pivoted the approach to disaster response
- During Hurricane Irma in 2017 Antigua and Barbuda there were only 3 cell towers, with one knocked in half; TacOps deployed balloon satellite dish
- Florence NC 2018: Supported phones and air band radio
- Hurricane Michael 2018 in Florida: Supporting EOCs, fire, law, government, etc.
- Mobile command vehicle stationed in San Jose on their campus
 - Satellite dish; fiber; wifi, etc. Vehicle operates standalone without any cell towers, wifi, etc.
- Sometimes will loan equipment, but they usually come with the equipment
- Also support planned events, e.g.—Superbowl, protest events
- If fiber cut, and 911 is down, they can come in with backup
- Also have portable kits
 - Meraki kit can fit in overhead bin of airplane
 - Multiple deployable communications solutions
 - Voice; video; data; security
- Many relationships, including FEMA; local and regional government and NGO agencies; international also
- How to request TacOps in an emergency
Hotline +1 919-392-4646 (24/7)
emergencyresponse@cisco.com
 - They will need to know:
 - who is asking
 - location
 - business need
 - approximate number of users at each location
 - expected duration
 - current situation
 - Threshold to deploy: no set number. They figure out best use of resources.
- Website: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/supplier-sustainability/tactical-operations-tacops.html>
- Presentation is being provided with meeting minutes and is also available on request.

8.0 New Business:
None

9.0 Informational Reports

9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update

9.2 City Reports

9.2.1 Capitola_____ *Captain Andy Dally*

9.2.2 Santa Cruz_____ *Paul Horvat*

Working on FEMA disaster reimbursements and several grants, including CA Firesafe Council grants.

9.2.3 Scotts Valley_____ *Lt. John Wilson*

Did annual OES exercise last month.

Updating emergency operations plan with new annex for evacuation.

Getting rid of 2 satellite phones (giving them away).

- 9.2.4 Watsonville____ *Tom Avila*
Chief Barreto has resigned; Rudy Lopez is interim chief for 6 months, then a permanent appointment will be made.

9.3 Grant Updates

- 9.3.1 FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.20; award of \$351,387)
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Mobile Medical Shelter; Sheriff’s Office/EOC generator enclosure; Fire Service Gurneys/ATV; Sheriff’s Office Bomb Suits; Scotts Valley PD Computer Systems.
- 9.3.2 FY2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) (1-year grant through 6.30.19; award of \$180,870)
Projects in progress: OES Operations; EOC technology/communications; Mountain Community Resources citizen preparedness; and RCD/FireSafe Council planning, preparedness, and outreach.
- 9.3.3 FY2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.21; award of \$349,660)
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Hearnnet Radio System; Sheriff’s Office armored van; radiological detection devices for County first responders; CERT training.
- 9.3.4 2019 State Homeland Security Grant advance application submitted on 1.15.19 for \$349.660. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released 4.12.19. Awaiting possible revisions. State will submit to DHS/FEMA 5.29.19. Anticipated award date: no later than 9.30.19.
- 9.3.5 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.19; award of \$352,105)
Projects completed include: Sheriff’s Office Incident command vehicle; WebEOC Pro software/training; Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; Training and exercises; CERT equipment.
Projects in progress: Ballistic vests/helmets for County first responders; Emergency medical masks for first responders/healthcare providers.
Project modifications, completions, and reimbursement requests in progress to meet closeout deadlines.
- 9.3.6 Semi-annual grant reports for all EMPG and Homeland Security Grants were submitted timely on 3.28.19.

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 10.1 CERT Council.....*Robert Gray*
- 10.2 CERT Auxiliary..... *Mary Edmund*
Finishing up spring classes in Watsonville. Fall classes scheduled in Live Oak and Felton.
Seeing a decline in class registrations after Paradise surge.
National CERT conference in San Diego last week of May 27 – June 1.
- 10.3 Medical Reserve Corp*Kathleen Conley*
Worked with consultant for medical surge plan; draft ready.
Conducting coalition surge test with partners in June.
Public health: measles; conducted tabletop to be prepared.
Dr. Leff is at annual health officer conference. He is retiring in June.
Medical Reserve Corp meets in the EOC every other month; has a solid steering committee group.
Presentation of Health and Medical Response to the Las Vegas Shooting: An Updated Approach to Mass Casualty Triage took place on

April 23.

National EMS week is May 19-25.

- 10.4 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*
Big Sur International Marathon took place April 28; major cooperative communications exercise.
Gary Watson completed EC016 from AARL; he also received an Outstanding County Volunteer award from the Board of Supervisors for outstanding service.
- 10.5 Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
Note: Gary Watson is now Assistant District Emergency Coordinator.
ARES is conducting amateur radio licensing class Wednesday nights; tests for licenses will be given at the end of class; see Robert for details.
Robert is also scheduling a “how to use your radio” class in Davenport.
Big Sur Marathon update--this year a little extra challenging: A repeaters at the lighthouse lost transmission, affecting ARES and CHP. With help of State OES and CalFire, they pieced together radio setup –lighthouse not accessible at the moment. Event did go very well
Another class will be conducted at Scotts Valley at library; cooperative venture with SLV ARES and Scotts Valley library; May 29-July 3.
Contact SLV ARES for more info.
- 10.6 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
Had training and workshop March 5 at the Graham Hill Showgrounds, with 80 participants; signed up 20 new volunteer, 20 trailers inspected. Focused on roles and responsibilities, and safety, with emphasis on wildfires. Also covered use of ham radios, and demo of horse loading. Good opportunity for networking with each other and other agencies Fire, Law, PGE, OES; CERT; discussed new strategies for engagement.
Next steps include: increasing preparedness, public outreach, encouraging members to get radio certification; roadway traffic control; encouraging more members to get ICS training.
- 10.7 Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)... *Jim Uhey*
- 10.8 County Office of Education.....*John Armstrong*
Superintendent put together school safety plan group; adopted emergency ops as one of the focuses; will invite Rosemary to work with them on this; On November 14 broader group will conduct training at County Office of Education.

11.0 Announcements (*All*)

- 11.1 Cabrillo will be conducting NARCAN (anti-opioid) training for maintenance workers.
- 11.2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Unit will host Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning, and Response training provided by Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services (TEEX); May 21 – 22 at Cabrillo. Contact Courtney Kilgore for more info: 831.454.4664; Courtney.kilgore@santacruzcounty.us.

12.0 Items for future meetings
None

13.0 Adjourn

- 13.1 Motion to adjourn: Liz Taylor-Selling
- 13.2 Motion seconded: Donna Odryna

13.3 Motion passed: Unanimous

13.4 Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

14.0 Next Meeting: September 5, 2019

2-4 PM (NO MEETING IN JULY)