

Community Preparedness Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022 1800-1900

Attendees: Bill Latham, chair, Tim & Pat Nash, Carmen Richards, Joni English, Jerry Peters, Claudia Henning, Victoria Pigott, Dennis Scott, Maureen Latham

Welcome everyone, Thanks for your attendance! It's been sometime since this was an active committee. Thank you for enthusiastically bringing it back to life!

Goals through December 2022:

Every ranch resident is encouraged to sign up for Code Red-new name of reverse 911, info on SFTR website. Everyone should review ranch Community Preparedness Handbook on the SFTR website by next meeting. Update was completed September 2021. Bring ideas if further updates are needed.

CPR Training September 26th, 0800 at the Trinidad Ambulance Building, \$50 at the door, 12 students max, American Heart Association card will be mailed on successful completion. Women's Group agenda item to consider purchasing an AED to be housed at the MOC. Remember only 2 ambulances available for the entire county. Timely help may not be available. Be armed with emergency knowledge. Plan for First Aide training in near future, currently looking for instructor.

Group encouraged to develop Neighborhood Help Networks. Those in attendance could begin to develop connections in small local areas to communicate emergency needs. Dennis Scott, former Community Preparedness Chair, reported past history regarding ranch division into 7-8 sections with area leaders as contact points. Dennis shared that this model proved difficult as people moved or interest waned. Ranch population bigger and more prone to change. Legal vulnerabilities discussed. Best for members to communicate need for individual areas or streets to develop own system and support tactics. Joni suggests neighbors could meet via Zoom for planning.

Natural Disaster Emergencies discussed. Dennis reminded us that snow events can be problematic in addition to fire. Once, County took control of snow removal equipment and left ranch without this resource! National Guard was deployed to rescue a Ranch resident during a snow event-turn out resident didn't feel she needed rescue! Funny but educational story. Message is to prepare to shelter in place for periods of time. Have enough food, water, fuel on hand. Prepare evacuation lists ahead: What will you take if you have 5, 10, 30 or 60 minutes to pack & leave?

Evacuation routes: Carmen Richards attempting to connect with Vermjo Ranch representative to consider allowing mitigation of this potential additional exit route. Bill Latham attempting to connect with landowner adjacent to north end of SFTR off Vista West to engage in conversation related to use of exit in emergency. The only official exit is Bridge to exit 6. Tim Nash asks if Morley Bridge exit is controlled by the Railroad-Yes. Currently all other potential exits on private property and need permissions and mitigation.

Dennis Scott recalls at one time ranch owned a number of emergency first responder first aide bags. Can the committee locate these? Tim Nash asks about emergency radios owned by ranch? needs to be investigated. Joni wonders about benefit of Landline and Satellite Phones. Claudia Henning states Starlink system uses satellite technology to your cell phone. Dennis Scott shares that he has radios in each vehicle that could be used to communicate if cars driving separately.

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Recurring Emergency drills to be considered. Thank you Carmen & John Cantin for organizing first.

Committee then gathered to view Emergency First Aide Kit to review potential for creating their own version.

Action items:

Create Ranch list of RNs, EMTs, etc that would be willing to assist in emergency-Maureen

Create List of residents that own an AED unit willing to share in an emergency-Maureen

Investigate whereabouts of Emergency Responder bags-Bill

Investigate whereabouts of Emergency Radios-Bill

Locate Instructor for First Aide Training-all, report to Bill if anyone has a lead

Evacuation routes: Vermjo-Carmen, northend-Bill, report progress to Bill

Review Community Preparedness Handbook-All

Report progress developing Neighborhood Help Networks, spread the word! All

Next Meeting: Planned for September 28th, awaiting confirmation of MOC availability.

Respectfully Submitted: Maureen Latham