



**MARIN OPERATIONAL AREA  
DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**

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**Marin Operational Area  
Disaster and Citizen Corps Council Minutes  
September 11, 2014**

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, September 11, 2014.

**Council Members Present:** Susan Adams, Frank Cox, Steve Tulsy, Ray Dunaway, Ed Schulze, Bill Tyler, Eric Steger, David Weinsoff, Rob Braulik, Jason Weber, Carol Freedman, Mike Grant, Miles Julihn, Garry Lion, Amy Van Doren, and Andrew McClelland.

**Council Members Excused:** Judy Arnold, Anne Sands, Heather Ravani, Angel Bernal, and Henry La Roche.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Supervisor Susan Adams (“Chair”)** called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in honor of the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. The meeting was held in Room 385, Floor 3-R, The Marin Commons, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. A quorum was present. The Chair asked for introductions of council members all around the table.

**2. APPROVAL OF July 10, 2014 MINUTES**

*The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the July 10, 2014 minutes as submitted to the Council with no corrections or additions.*

**Motion: Lion / Second: Schultz. Proposed and passed.**

**3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** The Chair asked for any update on the Napa Earthquake to be added to #5 New Business as the third item.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Ebola Advisory to Hospitals, Doctors, etc.**

**Marin County Health Officer, Dr. Matt Willis**, gave a presentation to the Disaster Council about the 2014 Ebola virus. **Please Email Eva Denegri Baker at OES ([ebaker@marinsheriff.org](mailto:ebaker@marinsheriff.org)) for a copy of Dr. Willis’ presentation.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Marin Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2014 Update – Ursula Hanks**

Emergency Services Coordinator, **Ursula Hanks**, shared the September 2014 update of the Marin Op Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) with the council, and asked that they approve a motion to recommend its adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Several council members such as **Steve Tulsy, Ray Dunaway, Bill Tyler, Miles Julihn**, and **Anne Sands** (by email) offered Ursula a few ideas for improving the plan. The Council also discussed the five-year update cycle for the EOP and its annexes.

A decision was made that Chris Reilly would gather a group together to clarify the status of the old "Special Needs" Annex, given the fact that an Access and Functional Needs Guidance document was created several years ago. The group was identified as Chris, **Bill Tyler**, **Miles Julihn**, and **Henry La Roche**.

*The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the 2014 Update to the Marin County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), with minor editing as suggested by several Disaster Council members, and to forward it to the Board of Supervisors for Adoption (Resolution).*

**Motion: Weinsoff / Second: Tulsy. Proposed and passed.**

### **2014 Urban Shield: Yellow Command Regional Exercise, September 5, 2014 – Tom Jordan**

Emergency Services Coordinator, **Tom Jordan**, said that the County's EOC PIO team "shined" at last Friday's Urban Shield Regional Exercise, "Yellow Command." This was the first exercise at the new County Emergency Operations Center and exercised the PIO function. Chief **Jason Weber** said that he had heard praise from the Regional Level for the Marin County PIOs' performance. Marin's PIO team was the first to issue a press release, the first to cooperate with the region, and the first to develop regional templates. The EOC PIO team is made up of staff from various county departments such as Health & Human Services, the Administrator's Office, and Sheriff's Office. The next exercise planned for the EOC will be the Annual Statewide Medical Health Exercise.

### **Update on Napa Earthquake**

**The Chair, Susan Adams**, shared news from her colleagues at the Napa County Supervisor's Office, that there were over 100 medical visits to the emergency room, and most of the injuries were from cut feet. It is another reminder to always place shoes by your bed. Trained CERT team members were on the job helping to yellow tag buildings and helping neighbors (professionals did red tagging). Also the Napa Business Community really stepped up. Having business resilience proved to be very important as the business community was able to keep things going after the event. **Rob Braulik** learned from a former Napa City Manager that the businesses who retrofitted their buildings, as requested by a city earthquake retrofit ordinance, did not suffer; however those that did not retrofit ended up with damage. The Napa wine industry, in particular, suffered tremendous loss, estimated at \$80,000,000.

**Chris Reilly** told the council that the morning of the earthquake at 3:20 a.m. he became the Duty Officer and did situation analysis for Marin County. Marin turned out to be very lucky. He then reached out to Napa OES to see if Marin could help. The OES Coastal Region led conference calls into the next day. **Jason Weber** added that Marin County Fire quickly sent a strike team of five engines and one leader to Napa, and later, sent the USAR team (an important regional asset). Also the North Bay Incident Management Team was initially called for and was ready to go, but was then placed on standby. The Napa County and Solano County EOCs were activated, as well as the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC), and the State Operations Center (SOC). Some concerns were identified:

- Access and Functional Needs (AFN): "FAST TEAM" provided disability expertise and joined the American Red Cross to form an integrated care team.
- Shelters/Volunteer Center: American Red Cross set them up in Napa and Vallejo and helped with health and medical needs, considering Napa's Queen of the Valley Hospital sustained major damage. Per **Andrew McClelland**, Marin was "excellently represented in the quake effort." He himself spent 2.5 weeks in Napa. An EOC was briefly opened at the Red Cross in San Rafael. Red Cross sent 200 volunteers including integrated mobile care teams, and did red and yellow tagging and bulk distribution of donated goods. **Carol Freedman** also worked at the volunteer center in Napa. Volunteers acted as scribes for the building inspectors who were deluged with inspections. She said that Napa does not have any Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs). She said that you can see the impact there of not having one. For example, she saw

agencies duplicating each other's efforts because they are not coordinated. Marin has a VOAD, which is the Marin Interagency Disaster Coalition (MIDC).

- Utility Issues: Some local wireless companies brought in cellular on wheels. Jim Wickham from PG&E brought in two cars to sweep 2,000 homes for gas leaks, which is an exciting new technology. Marin Sanitary Services helped to organize dumpsters for large area clean up in Napa.
- Schools: Some districts closed.
- Water: Boil Water Notice was issued.
- City of Napa had 116 red tags and 516 yellow tags on buildings.
- City of Vallejo had 13 red tags and 32 yellow tags.
- Collapses and fires occurred at Mobile Home Parks.
- Napa County Food Bank was damaged.
- Napa EOC was damaged and "untenable;" they do not have a backup or alternative EOC (as does Marin County).
- **Eric Steger** said that Napa DPW reported that latent defects were found in culverts, roads, and bridges. More are being found through investigations.

Napa is now in the "Recovery Phase" with both a Local Assistance Center open for individual assistance, and Public Assistance offered to government agencies. The council discussed further how much they are looking forward to reading the After Action Report for the quake when it is ready.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **After-Action Report: Tsunami Tabletop Exercise – Ursula Hanks**

Ursula Hanks reported that her After Action Report is available; if anyone is interested in reading it, please send her a request by email to [uhanks@marinsheriff.org](mailto:uhanks@marinsheriff.org).

### **Update on Marin and California 2014 Fire Season – Jason Weber**

Fire Chief **Jason Weber** reported the following information to the Council: Marin County is currently in a period of high fire danger due to fall weather (poor night time recovery and North East Offshore winds) coupled with dangerous dry fuel conditions (fuel moisture on Mt. Tam recently at 63% and still falling). This season has seen an above average number of fires throughout the state. Fall is typically the highest risk time due to less fog, low pressure, and winds. Defensible space is very important, he emphasized, as a deterrent to fire. He referred to the Ready-Set-Go website as being a helpful resource in this regard. The Chief also proudly reported that a partnership between the FIRESafe Marin Council (acting as clearing house) and PG&E (grantor) has led to the acquisition by County Fire of four ridge top cameras and fire detection systems for early detection of fires in the county. Grant money is also available through FIRESafe Marin for chipper days sponsored by Homeowner groups. Homeowner Associations should send **Eva Denegri Baker** an email ([ebaker@marinsheriff.org](mailto:ebaker@marinsheriff.org)) for more information on these chipper grants. The Chief praised the efforts of the FIRESafe Marin council for bringing to Marin all the recent funding opportunities and managing the grants..

### **Update on Marin Drought – Chris Reilly**

**Chris Reilly** reported the following information to the Council: The State declared a drought emergency in January 2014. Marin OES participates in regular conference calls with the state and stays in communication with the water districts. Marin ranchers are worried about egg prices, and are considering culling herds. The Marin Ag Commissioner declared an agricultural state of emergency, and

is staying on top of the situation. Chris added that other California counties are still doing much worse than Marin; some counties are even trucking in water. North Marin Water District (NMWD) declared a shortage in West Marin and some parts of North Marin and instituted a mandatory 25% reduction. At Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) water storage is at 92% of normal. The State appropriated \$687 million dollars in drought funding. Stinson Beach requested over \$900,000 to mitigate water shortage. MMWD requested funding for smart irrigation program. The Marin Board of Supervisors is looking at an ordinance that would allow gray water for toilets, laundry, and other things.

### **Update on OES Grants – Margaret Speaker-Yuan**

**Email Eva Denegri Baker at OES ([ebaker@marinsheriff.org](mailto:ebaker@marinsheriff.org)) for a copy of Margaret Speaker Yuan's full report, which was included in the handouts at this Disaster Council meeting.** OES Manager, Chris Reilly, commended Margaret for the accuracy with which she coordinates all the grants. One of Cal OES' grant managers also recently complimented Margaret's work to Chris.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Disaster Education & Preparedness (PDE&P)**

**Bill Tyler** (Chair PDEP) told the council that the PDE&P Committee met twice since the July 2014 DC3 meeting. **Jim Wickham** and **Carol Freedman** gave the PDE&P an in depth firsthand account of the Napa earthquake and lessons learned. The re-launch of Get Ready Marin is coming soon. **Laurie Nilsen** from Belvedere/Tiburon will be rolling it out November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Business Resilience Tool Box will be finalized soon, according to **Garry Lion**. Novato had a voluntary self-evacuation drill last Saturday for two mobile home parks (Los Robles had 150 participants), which proved to be very successful. PDE&P continues to advocate for countywide Disaster Service Worker (DSW) training for government workers with the county influencing and helping the local agencies to implement their own training programs. The committee has received commitments from sanitary and water districts and the City of Novato. Paula Doubleday is seeking stories and personal accounts of preparedness for the Readymarin.org website. September is National Preparedness Month; Bill included some promotional material in the handouts to the council. The theme is "Be Disaster Aware; Take Action to Prepare."

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Miles Juhlin.** Annual Statewide Medical/Health Exercise will be held on November 20, 2014. Marin County Health and Human Services will coordinate the exercise along with help from OES. The exercise will be held in the new county EOC.

**Supervisor Susan Adams.** The Chair asked the PDE&P Committee to please come up with some ideas for future presentations to the Disaster Council and to share them with OES.

## **9. ADJOURN: Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:53 PM. Motion: Tulsy/ Second: Julihn. Proposed and passed.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, December 11, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, California 94903, **in the Sheriff's Assembly Room, Suite 200, Second Floor (enter through Lobby A).**