



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee of  
the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps Council (DC3)  
Committee Meeting – Monday October 3, 2016**

**PDE+P Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016**  
*Approved at the Nov. 7, 2016 meeting*

**Attendance:**

Members Present:

Frank Cox	CoChair, DC3 Member, OES Auxiliary, OES trainer
Catherine Way	Mayor, City of Larkspur, member, MCCMC
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
James Wickham	PG&E Safety + Preparedness Specialist
John Bruckbauer	San Rafael Emergency Management Coordinator
Maggie Lang	CERT Coordinator, Get Ready / Southern Marin
Terry Scussel,	Access & Functional Needs - Develop Disability.
Tom Roberts	AFN Communities: Whistlestop Chief Op Officer

Members Excused or absent:

Bill Tyler	CoChair, DC3 Member, Batt. Chief Novato Fire, Fire Marshal
David Peery	MMWD Safety & Risk Manager
Philippa Lockwood	ARC Disaster Program Specialist / MIDC contact

Members of Public Present

Lori Schifrin	MMRC training officer, CERT, etc. / <a href="mailto:lori.sch@att.net">lori.sch@att.net</a>
Joshua Szarek	Neighborhood Response Group Coordinator for Larkspur Corte Madera areas <a href="mailto:joshuaszarek@gmail.com">joshuaszarek@gmail.com</a>
Michael St. John	BC / Mill Valley Fire Dept <a href="mailto:mstjohn@cityofmillvalley.org">mstjohn@cityofmillvalley.org</a>

Handouts distributed:

- Agenda, PDEP Monday Oct 3, 2016 version (a)
- Draft Minutes of PDE+P meeting of September 12, 2016 version (b)
- PDEP Survey Yr 2016 of DC3 members.docx
- 2016 09 19 email FCox to DC3 members with Word version of survey
- 2016 09 24 Marin IJ headline: Major Quake probabilities rise
- Chart: Earthquake Probabilities / SF Chronicle, data from USGS
- California Great Shakeout list of Marin County participants as of 10-3-2016:  
<http://www.shakeout.org/california/whoisparticipating>
- DC3 Member Survey, Fall 2016 rough clips.txt (responses as of 10-3-3016)
- NY Times article 'Health Care Providers Scramble to Meet New Disaster Readiness Rule'  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/10/us/medicare-requirements-disaster-readiness.html>

**I. Welcome, Introductions,**

- Frank Cox called meeting to order at Central Marin Police Community room est 1305 hr., and asked members and attendees to identify themselves.

**Review Minutes**

- Catherine moved, Maggie 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sept 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved

**II. Mill Valley Evacuation Drill / Lessons Learned**

- Michael St. John, BC, Mill Valley Fire, reported on the Mill Valley May 16, 2016 Evacuation Drill for the residents of Warner Canyon area, using a Keynote Presentation on his Macintosh computer.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mill Valley City News report on Evacuation Drill:  
<http://www.cityofmillvalley.org/Index.aspx?page=34&recordid=5613&returnURL=%2FIndex.aspx>



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- This was the 9<sup>th</sup> City Evacuation Drill, and tested the effectiveness of the Alert Marin (TENS) system, the Golf Course Siren, and localized alert efforts including pre-exercise letters to residents in the area.
- The exercise was supported by multiple agencies including law enforcement (MV, San Rafael, Tiburon, Sausalito, MCSO, Central Marin, CHP), fire agencies: (MVFD, MCFD, CalFire, So. Marin, Larkspur, Novato, San Rafael, and Tiburon), and multiple community partners: (MV Emergency Preparedness Commission, MMRC, ARC, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Humane Society, and MV CERT).
- The Warner Canyon area is one of several MV areas at high risk of fires, based on the current Mutual Threat Zone (MTZ) fire response plan for areas adjacent to Mt. Tam.
- Collaborating fire agencies reported that driving on fire break roads, public roads and seeing the topography including an aerial view using a CalFire Helicopter, was invaluable. Some compared the fire risk to recent Lake County fire experiences.
- The 3 hour drill reached out to 155 residences, with 87 households responding. Metrics included: TENS reached 69% of those reporting, about 37% could hear the siren warning, 38% reported having a household disaster plan, 54-55% have 5 days of water and food, and 34% have built an evacuation kit.
- Fire preparedness in Mill Valley must include the fact many residents are seniors and/or have access and functional needs limitations that will make evacuations difficult. Some could not, or would not, respond even when CERTs and scouts encouraged them to participate. As always, residents place a high priority on protecting their pets.
- Some residents still have not signed up for the recommended Alert Marin system<sup>2</sup>.
- John Bruchbauer and Mike St. John gave a brief description of FEMA's Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWs)<sup>3</sup> that is capable of alerting cellphone users in a given area, even without an app or registration.
- PDEP members thanked Mike, and recommended that every city or geographical area in Marin County be encouraged to conduct similar evacuation drills.

### III. PDEP survey of DC3 members – Initial Results Tabulated

- The PDEP survey requested DC3 members to respond by Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Frank compiled and distributed a textfile of all DC3 responses received as of Monday 10/3/16.
- The DC3 responses initially received were very encouraging, and PDEP members discussed various approaches in summarizing these responses when all are received. Frank and Bill will create a working draft with the assistance of Catherine, Maggie, and Garry that will be discussed at the November 7<sup>th</sup> PDEP meeting, with a final copy to be distributed to DC3 for their December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### IV. Updates from PDEP members

#### - MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- Catherine reported that she distributed a one page informational sheet at the Wed. 9-28-16 MCCMC dinner outlining the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Great Shakeout Quake exercise, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), M'Ber, and proposed DSW training efforts.

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<sup>2</sup> Alert Marin: <http://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>

<sup>3</sup> IPAWS provides public safety officials with an effective way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies using the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and other public alerting systems from a single interface. <https://www.fema.gov/integrated-public-alert-warning-system> See also a description of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), <https://www.fema.gov/frequently-asked-questions-wireless-emergency-alerts>



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- A full presentation on these issues was not practical at this dinner meeting, but City Managers and others may choose to inquire further.
  - Joshua was asked to give an update to the Corte Madera / Larkspur area Neighborhood Response Group efforts.
  - Joshua reported progress continues in these neighborhood groups, with many questions about evacuations in case of fire. Social media services, such as NextDoor, are widely used for disaster information, but it can be overlooked in the high volume of daily chatter.
- West Marin
- Frank noted the WMDC minutes of August 25<sup>th</sup> summarized at the September PDEP meeting were approved. The next WMDC meeting is scheduled Thursday November 17.
  - Maggie has attended recent WMDC meetings, and commented the meetings are attended by key West Marin agencies and 9 local council groups who continue to work well together. WMDC is very active, sponsors regular PSAs on radio KWMR, exercise radio links very often, and will support CERT training at Tomales High early in 2017.
- Emergency Managers Group, other Public Preparedness
- John Bruckbauer helped conduct an active shooter training conducted recently for about 40 San Rafael City employees.
  - Discussions are underway whether the San Rafael OES office may move in the next few months from Station 51 to 2600 Los Gamos Road – the same building as County OES.
  - The San Rafael CERT class ending November 12<sup>th</sup> graduated 19 new CERTs.
  - John announced he will leave his SR OES position Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, to take a new position with PG&E supporting their training and emergency prevention efforts. PDEP thanked John greatly for his contributions to our and Countywide preparedness efforts.
  - The Marin Emergency Managers group will likely meet next at a date to be announced after the 11/17/16 OES exercise.
- MIDC and Red Cross Events:
- Philippa was unable to attend, as 10/3/16 was Crystal Silva's last day, but reported by email:
  - Red Cross:
    - Crystal Silva, Disaster Program Manager for Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties is leaving the Red Cross for a position with the Boys and Girls Club in Sonoma County. We are sorry to see her go but wish her well! Until her replacement is hired, Mike Conroy, Senior Disaster Program Manager, will be covering urgent matters related to the position.
      - Philippa should be contacted on community partnerships and preparedness issues.
      - Mike Conroy should be contacted related to disaster response or government relationship issues.
    - Red Cross continues a slow-but-steady outreach for the Pillowcase Project that provides personal preparedness information to youth in grades 3 – 5 using 40 to 60 minute presentations. At the end of the presentation, youth are provided with a Disney-branded pillowcase which they are then encouraged to take home and share with their families. In Marin, we have agreed to work in collaboration and cooperation with the Get Ready 5th grade program. For this reason, in Marin, we are only targeting grades 3 and 4.
  - MIDC
    - Will meet again on Tuesday, Oct 18th from 2 – 4pm. More updates to follow.
- Southern Marin / Business Community
- Garry advised he may have more to report at our next meeting.
- CERT and Get Ready 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Reports by Maggie Lang:
- Maggie reported:



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### Marin County CERT (MCC)

- The first of final four 2016 classes started last Sat. with 30 students in Marin City. Will finish at Floating Homes next week. The Tomales CERT class is scheduled for Jan. 7 & 14 and So. Marin Boy Scout /Girl Scout class Jan./Feb. 2017.
- Teen CERT- starting to create strategy/curriculum for a teen cert program with co-sponsor Red Cross & MMRC. Awaiting feedback from proposal to Tam Unified School Dist., including a another CERT class there this year.
- CERT Newsletter- the 1st of a quarterly newsletter was sent out and copies distributed at the meeting. Next Newsletter will be out in November.
- Maggie reminded us the Great Shake-out Earthquake Drill<sup>4</sup> is scheduled October 20th at 10:20 am.

### CERT Advanced Trainings:

- The Annual Exercise will be Nov. 5th in Mill Valley, and an Eventbrite invitation will be sent out within a week.
- The CERT planning team is considering possible CERT efforts next year :
  - CERTs helping in the aftermath of a wildland fire/other disaster.
  - CERTs working with children in post-disaster setting
  - CERT Leadership training, First Aid training, developing an Annual Disaster Simulation Exercise, and possibly an active shooter training.
- Train the Trainer- there is interest in hosting another Train the Trainer in 2017.

### Readymarin.org website report:

- Ready Businesses is up on the website and Ready Neighborhoods is close to posting. In the last quarter we've had over 1500 visits to the site. Visitors continue to gravitate to the CERT page and the Calendar

### Marin CERT as a 501(c)(3) organization.

- Marin County CERT now a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under category 501(c)(3) IRS Code and is now able to take donations. MarinLink<sup>5</sup> helped Marin CERT acquire this status.
- Maggie has started working with several of their retired business leaders to develop a 3 year Strategic Plan. The CERT Steering Committee will remain as an Advisory Committee, with its next meeting set for Tuesday, November 15, 2016.
- Homeland Security funding for the program will end 12/31/2016, at which point County funds will pick up funding for the Coordinator position. We still have a funding gap starting 7/1/2017 and are working on that.

### - Access + Functional Needs communities (AFN):

- Tom Roberts reported that the Marin Community Foundation (Buck Fund) has provided grants up to \$10K to about 14 Marin Agencies under a Marin Nonprofit Disaster Resilience and Preparedness Project, including Whistlestop, St. Vincent's, the Food Bank, Homeward Bound, and the West Marin Senior Center, among others.
- Frank spoke with Margaret Melsh, consultant, and will invite a speaker on this subject to our November PDEP meeting.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Great ShakeOut Drill: <http://www.shakeout.org/>

<sup>5</sup> MarinLink see: <http://marinlink.org/>

<sup>6</sup> Frank is pleased to report that Patti D'Angelo Juachon of the Marin Nonprofit Disaster Resilience and Preparedness Project of the Buck Family Fund of the Marin Community Foundation will speak to PDEP at our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.



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- Tom also is working with Ursula Hanks, County OES, Amy Van Doren, Marin Transit, Frank Cox, and others to prepare a Transportation / Evacuation workshop at County OES at a date to be determined.
- Terry Scussel noted the Transportation / Evacuation issues faced by many persons with Access & Functional Needs/ Developmental Disabilities must resolve practical issues that such disabled persons may be incapable of leaving their homes or places of safety using public transportation without substantial personal support.

**- Utilities including MMWD and PG&E**

- Dave Peery was unable to attend the meeting, so his portion of the agenda will be moved to our next meeting.
- Jim Wickham, PG&E participated in recent active shooter drills, and is preparing for PG&E participation in the San Francisco Fleetweek Oct 3-10<sup>th</sup>.<sup>7</sup>
- Additional efforts are planned in advance of winter storms, possible power outages, and a tsunami alert siren to be placed at the Green Gulch Zen Center.

**- Fire Services + County at Large Issues:**

- Bill Tyler was unable to attend the meeting, so his portion of the agenda will be moved to our next meeting.

**- OES, Training and other Events:**

- Frank outlined a few training events in coming months:
  - County New employee DSW class 10/6/16
  - Great Shakeout Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Frank summarized an email sent by Mike Grant, MCOE, advising last year some 36,000 students & staff participated. Already some 26,018 students from 40 schools and districts registered for the Shakeout exercise.
  - Get Ready CAMFT therapists Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. County Op Area Functional Exercise (flood scenario) November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Open Time / Public Comment**

**2:50 PM end of meeting**

- Frank Cox closed the meeting.

**Next Meetings:**

**PDEP Meetings: 1-3pm Year 2016: 12/5/2016.**

**PDEP Meetings: 1-3pm Year 2017: draft dates to be discussed:**

**01/9/2017, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4/2017**

**Dates may be flexible as circumstances require.**

**Site: PDEP unless otherwise posted: Central Marin Police Community Rm.**

**DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm: 12/8/16 – at new EOF.**

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<sup>7</sup> Fleetweek: <http://fleetweeksf.org/>