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DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**
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Minutes of the March 8, 2018 Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Council Members Present: Judy Arnold, Katie Rice, Frank Cox, Mike McDermott, Keith Kennedy, Anne Sands, Ed Schulze, Bill Tyler, Lisa Santora, Eric Steger, Catherine Way, Joe Chinn, Jason Weber, Denis O'Leary, Mike Grant, Garry Lion, Mohamed Osman, Debbie Yee and Peter Mendoza. **Council Members Excused:** Miles Julihn.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold ("Chair") called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Chambers, Marin County Board of Supervisors, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Admin Building, Third Floor, Room 329, San Rafael, California 94903. The chair welcomed new members Lisa Santora M.D Deputy Public Health Officer and Mike McDermott, representing District Two.

APPROVAL OF December 14, 2017 MINUTES

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the December 14, 2017 minutes. As submitted to the Council, with no corrections or additions, the Minutes were adopted.

Motion: None

AYES: ALL

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

3. PRESENTATIONS: Lisa Santora M.D, Health and Human Services.

Deputy Officer Lisa Santora with the Marin County Health and Human Services presented a recap on the Marin County Shelter Operations during the October fires. A slide show with photos was presented showing the impact of the fire. Here are the highlights:

- On Sunday October 8, 2017 a red flag warning was initiated. 245 thousand acres burned. Over 100 thousand people were evacuated. Over 7 thousand structures were destroyed. The fires took the life of 44 individuals. There was a significant concern for air quality. MHQAC Marin received an immediate need request for assistance from Sonoma County. Marin County Fire deployed ambulance service to Sonoma County. Kaiser San Rafael and Novato Community Hospital began receiving patients evacuated from Santa Rosa. 0630 hours, MOAEOC was activated.
- 0900 hours, SAR opened Marin County Evacuation Center and was ready to offer any assistance, thanks to Woody Baker-Cohn. Soon after, the Evacuation Center became an

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Emergency Shelter. Marin Center and Cultural Center were opened 24/7 to offer assistance. There was Fire, Sheriff and Public Works representation at the shelter that was helpful to residents. There was a County plan on mass care and shelter.

- Marin Humane Society volunteers and staff assisted by meeting the comfort and shelter of pets and residents at the shelter. About 25% of the shelter residents and participants had pets, some of which were exotic.
- Many non-traditional shelters opened up in West Marin. She stated that she was very proud of how Marin County did with running all the shelters. Dr. Santora also added that part of running a shelter is learning how to close one. A good shelter helps people transition back to recovery.

Dr. Santora explained that some of the challenges included:

- Limited Red Cross resources in Marin County.
- Transitioning from Evacuation Center to Emergency Shelter was challenging.
- Identifying and delineating roles, responsibilities and coordination was an issue.
- Shared communication channels through day three.
- Shelter had its own command center.
- Competing IC systems.

Logistical challenges:

- Personnel – spontaneous volunteers who would only stay partial shifts.
- Supplies and donation management.
- CVNL was beyond their bandwidth, being spread thin with other counties such as Napa, Marin and Sonoma County.
- Managing donations was a challenge due to community dumping less needed items.

Last day, Friday October 13, 2017: Data-informed decision was made to close shelters. A form was created to understand the needs of shelter guests based on culture and demographics. 90% of families in Sonoma County had kids, 20% had pets only 10% required help with housing relocation with 90% of them having their own transportation. There were concerns for air quality, but by the end of the week, the smoke was reduced due to wind blowing towards Marin County. PG&E was onsite on Wednesday October 12, 2017 to begin assessing the damage. Sonoma County LAC opened Saturday October 14, 2017. On Saturday October 14, 2017, the Strawberry shelter opened and was set up by the Boy Scouts and CERT.

MMRC medical response: MMRC went to Napa County on the first day. They helped with assessment, comfort, first aid, medication management, activities of daily living support, and medical special needs, such as cancer patients.

After the week of the fires, community debriefs were held to learn more about what could have been done better from a Health and Human Services or care shelter responsibility. Ways to develop a plan from the hot

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washes and learnings for the future for the next time Health and Human Services and or care and shelter is called upon.

Dr. Santora's vision was to have a "Go Box," a literal box for the shelter managers that they can open up and find exacting checklist of tasks that need to be done. Dr. Santora added that a recent change was to care and sheltering, which was previously under Social Services, has been moved and is now centralized under her.

Shaking Marin is planned for May 23, 2018. It will offer an opportunity to train and test H&HS staff in their responsibilities. This exercise will also help identify strong shelter managers with leadership skills, pre-identify individuals who may be qualified for a leadership position, and provide proper training. It will also improve H&HS communications with their employees at deployment.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Presented by Marin County Fire Chief, Jason Weber addressed the council about the updates by the Board of Supervisors Sub-Committee on the lessons learned from the North Bay fires. They had a series of meetings that included a kick off meeting where they refined the scope of work for the committee. The second part of the meeting was the attendance of Sonoma County Sheriff, Santa Rosa Police and Fire Chiefs, Sonoma Valley Fire Chief, Cal Fire Deputy Chief and land management agencies. They spoke about what they learned and what they would have done differently. The next step was to meet again and work with the Board of Supervisors for recommendations moving forward.

Status of Grants Administered by Marin County OES

*Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for a copy of the grants report, which was shared at this meeting by **Margaret Speaker-Yuan**, OES Grants Specialist.*

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Disaster Education & Preparedness Committee Report — Handouts

Frank Cox (Consumer Rep. Dist. 1) addressed the council and spoke about some highlights from recent PDEP meetings.

Minutes from PDE&P meetings are posted online on the www.marinsheriff.org website.

For more information about this committee's activities and copies of the handouts, please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Sands (Consumer Rep. Dist. 4) - Handouts.

Anne described the many activities in West Marin since the last council meeting:

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- They have had four Red Cross shelter trainings.
- New repeater radios for Marshal and Stinson Beach.
- Anne thanked the Marin County Fire for working on these projects with West Marin.
- **Ursula Hanks** gave a great explanation on how OES works with West Marin Fire.
- **Lt. Jim Hickey** with the Marin County Sheriff's office was welcomed to West Marin.

Mike Grant with MCOE talked about the 10 elementary schools and approximately 470 students that went through the Get Ready 5th grade Program. There has been a real effort to teach CPR, compression, and bleeding control to high school students to prepare them for the day when CPR is a graduation requirement. In light of the recent active shootings in Florida schools, everyone's concerns are up. Schools have been working really hard to increase the number of trainings on active shooters. School walk outs are expected on March 17th for the March 14th, one month remembrance of the tragedy in Florida. March 24th will be the National call to action walk out and march for life. Walk outs are expected for April 20th as it marks the 19th anniversary of Columbine. **Mike Grant** wanted to thank **Woody Baker-Cohn** and OES for the April 6th training on school violence and active shooter that will be held at the Sheriff's Office.

Frank Cox (Consumer Rep. Dist. 1) said that he had the honor and privilege of working at OES since 1992 with **Eva Baker** and **Ursula Hanks** who are both retiring.

As an OES tradition, a flashlight was presented to **Eva Baker** in thanks for support given to DC3 and OES for 16 years.

Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for copies of handouts provided by Ms. Sands to the council at this meeting.

9. ADJOURN:

*Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:15 PM.
Motion: Grant / Second: Sands. Proposed and passed.*

10. CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council meeting, held on December 14, 2017.

Chris Reilly, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

Date