



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee of
the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps Council (DC3)
Committee Meeting – Monday October 2, 2017**

PDE+P Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2017
Approved at Nov 5, 2017 PDEP meeting

Members Present:

Frank Cox	CoChair, DC3 Member, OES Auxiliary, OES trainer
Catherine Way	Councilmember, City of Larkspur, member, MCCMC
Debbie Yee	Red Cross Disaster Program Manager
James Wickham	PG&E Safety + Preparedness Specialist
Maggie Lang	CERT Coordinator, Get Ready / Southern Marin
Peter Mendoza	DC3 / AFN representative

Members Excused or absent:

Bill Tyler	CoChair, DC3 Member, Batt. Chief Novato Fire, Fire Marshal
David Peery	MMWD Safety & Risk Manager
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
Keith Kennedy	DC3 Member, Dist. 3
Megan Scott	Sr Program Coordinator H&HS Public Health Preparedness
Tom Cromwell	Marin Medical Reserve Corps, etc.

Members of Public Present

Ann Eichhorn	MMRC, ARC, MV Em Prep Comm eichhorn1@sbcglobal.net
Terri Langdon,	Alameda OES TLangdon@acgov.org
Lori Schifrin	MMRC, CERT, etc. / lori.sch@att.net

Handouts distributed:

- Agenda, PDEP meeting 10/02/2017
- Draft Minutes PDEP Monday Sept 11, 2017 version (c)
- Minutes PDEP Monday August 7, 2017 approved
- Flyer: Alameda County Preparedness Event 9-9-2017
- Alameda County Preparedness Event 9-9-2017 Event Schedule
- Urban Shield Grey Command Community Preparedness webpage:
<https://community.fema.gov/activity/urban-shield---grey-command?lang=es>
- UASI Integrating Access & Functional Needs Care Shelter Agenda 8-23-17.
- Time article: Is US overdue for Catastrophic Earthquake?
<http://time.com/4949931/will-a-catastrophic-earthquake-strike-the-u-s/>
- SF Chronicle: How Ready is the Bay Area? 9-21-2017
<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODN/SanFranciscoChronicle/PrintArticle.aspx>
- Flyer: Get Ready to Shake Out Oct 19, 2017 10:19 am
- Passed around link to Mill Valley CERT drill video, www.pgecurrents.com

I. Welcome, Introductions, Handouts. Review of Minutes

- Frank welcomed attendees, and introductions were made.
- Draft minutes of Sept 11, 2017 were amended and then approved. Edits included:
 - Pg 4: Catherine Way anticipates being on an ad hoc disaster preparedness committee being planned with MCCMC Vice Chair ...
 - Pg 4: • Ann reported that ARC deployed about 270 Red Cross volunteers to Hurricane sites in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean.

II Alameda County Preparedness Fair – Lessons to be shared

- Terry Langdon, Sr. Emergency Services Coordinator with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, outlined events related to the Alameda County Preparedness Fair held 9-9-2017 incident to the larger Urban Shield Annual regional full scale exercise.



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- The Urban Shield training is an annual event involving law, fire, medical, and emergency response agencies in a series of simulated emergencies into ten operational area commands, ranging from active shooter, CBRNE terrorism, to local CERT team responses and personal / neighborhood preparedness efforts.¹
- This year, Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern asked Terry Langdon to coordinate a citizen disaster preparedness fair as part of the Exercise.
- Her initial plan, to coordinate efforts by individual cities, wasn't practicable as many of the cities already were involved in traditional Urban Shield activities, and lacked staff to manage local fairs. Instead, she invited cities throughout the County and key County agencies, including Animal Services, Environmental Health, Fire Department, Mosquito Abatement, Public Health, Public Works and the Sheriff's Office to participate in a Countywide event at the 3 Crosses Church, in Castro Valley.
- The site was chosen as it was easily accessible to the public, but some distance from the County Fairgrounds where fire / law / and other agencies could conduct rigorous drills.
- The public moved from exhibit to including the "Big Shaker" earthquake simulator, a Smoke Safety Trailer, a fully functional Alternate Care Sites & Medical Shelter staffed by County Health and Medical Reserve Corps, and multiple informational tables by PG&E, FEMA, USGS, CA Earthquake Authority, Red Cross, Eden I&R (who staff the Alameda County 211 help line), Alameda Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Earthquake Country Alliance, and multiple volunteer organizations.
- Initially prizes, such as flashlights, were distributed to those who had cards at each display checked off – but that requirement was relaxed as the day went on.
- The project was funded, in part, by a small sum from the Alameda Sheriff, as well as donated time and effort from exhibitors.
- Local Television, initially KTVU and then others, provided video clips of the event, especially the "Big Shaker" quake simulator, at nightly news.
- Overall, this first year effort was by all accounts a great success, and worth making a continuing part of each year's Urban Shield exercises.

III Lessons from 2017 08 23 UASI AFN Care & Shelter Workshop

- Peter Mendoza, PDEP member and DC3 Access and Functional Needs representative, is a member of the Marin Independent Center for Living (MCIL), the California State Independent Living Council, the Golden Gate Bridge Advisory Committee on Accessibility, and multiple other ventures.
- Peter was a panelist in the Bay Area UASI 'Best Practices Workshop Integrating Access and Functional Needs in Care and Shelter Operations' held Wed. Aug 23rd at the Alameda Sheriff's office in Dublin, CA.
- Topics included 'Best Practices from Southern California' with a focus on the year 2007 massive fires, and 'Best Practices from Northern California' including the capabilities and resources of local Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST).
- Peter described the importance of both training staff and resourcing disaster shelters to include persons with a wide range of limitations, including mobility, speech, sight, cultural, developmental disability, food, communication, public transportation, and more.
- Often overlooked concerns are corridors that allow persons in wheelchairs mobile access throughout the shelter, 'quiet areas' for persons with developmental disability or similar conditions who can be overwhelmed by the noise and movement in the shelter, bariatric cots for larger residents, accessible eating, toileting, and registration functions, and more.

¹ Urban Shield: <https://www.urbanshield.org/about/urban-shield-training>



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- A wide range of legislation, regulations, and codes assist service providers in assuring all facilities meet the needs of all individuals, including Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990²
- Difficult questions can arise when evacuations may be suitable for the general population as opposed to transporting services and supplies to persons with AFN who might do best sheltering in place.
- Identifying such individual needs, and being able to respond to them during a disaster, cannot be limited to first responder agencies, but should be a collaboration between public agencies, the faith community, service providers (such as Whistlestop), and others who work personally with affected persons, their families, and their personal assistants.

IV. Updates from PDEP members

- MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers
 - Catherine Way advised the Central Marin Fire Authority (Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Joint Powers Agreement) is developing well, and may become a model for similar efforts in other parts of Marin.
 - The next (fourth) meeting of the Local Disaster Coalition is scheduled for October 12, 2017, also at the Twin Cities conference room.
- West Marin
 - Information received from Anne Sands, West Marin Disaster Council Coordinator, reported that the Nicasio CERT class was full.
- MIDC and Red Cross Events:
 - Debbie Yee corrected some details of the September draft minutes, and mentioned she and others in Red Cross are on call for possible deployment to Las Vegas in light of the October 1, 2017 mass shooting outside the Mandalay Bay hotel.
- Southern Marin / Business Community
 - Garry Lion was unable to attend the meeting. This portion of the agenda will be passed to the next meeting.
- CERT, Get Ready and Get Ready 5th:
 - Maggie Lang advised an advanced communications training will be offered on October 21st at the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club.
 - The Annual CERT training / exercise is being planned in November to be held at the Point Reyes National Seashore, details to be released soon.
- Access + Functional Needs communities (AFN):
 - Peter Mendoza reported on this subject (see earlier).
- Public Health Preparedness and related programs
 - Megan Scott, Sr. Program Coordinator for H&HS Public Health Preparedness, was unable to attend the meeting. This part of the agenda will be passed to the next meeting.
- - Utilities including MMWD and PG&E
 - Jim Wickham, PG&E and Mill Valley Councilmember, attended the Alameda Preparedness Fair (infra), and is scheduled to attend other public events soon.
 - Dave Peery, MMWD, was unable to attend this meeting.
- Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC), etc.
 - Dr. Tom Cromwell was unable to attend the meeting. This part of the agenda will be passed to the next meeting.
- - Fire Services + County at Large Issues:

² ADA and similar resources – See: <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/access-functional-needs> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americans_with_Disabilities_Act_of_1990 and <https://www.ada.gov/>



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- Bill Tyler was unable to attend the meeting. This part of the agenda will be passed to the next meeting.
- OES, Training and other Events:
 - Frank outlined a number of training events in the near future, including:
 - 2017 10 05 DSW Class
 - 2017 10 12 local disaster coalition #4
 - 2017 10 19 Shakeout
 - 2017 10 14 MontMarin / Lucas Valley / Marinwood Coordinated Radio Drill
 - 2017 10 21 CERT Radio Communication workshop
 - 2017 10 23 Vigilant Guardian
 - 2017 11 01 Get Ready Marinwood
 - 2017 11 08 Quake Exercise Planning

IV. Open Time / Public Comment

3:05 PM end of meeting

- Frank closed the meeting.

Next Meetings:

PDEP Meetings: 1-3pm Year 2017: 11/6/2017, 12/4/2017

PDEP Meetings: 1-3pm Year 2018: draft dates to be discussed:

Jan 8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/10, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3/2018

Dates may be flexible as circumstances require.

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

DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm: 12/14/2017 – site to be determined:

Year 2018: 3/8/2018, 6/14/2018, 9/13/2018, 12/13/2018

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