



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee of  
the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps Council (DC3)  
Committee Meeting – Monday August 8, 2016**

**PDE+P Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2016**  
*Approved at meeting of 9-12-2016*

**Attendance:**

Members Present:

Bill Tyler	CoChair, DC3 Member, Batt. Chief Novato Fire, Fire Marshal
Frank Cox	CoChair, DC3 Member, OES Auxiliary, OES trainer
Catherine Way	Mayor, City of Larkspur, member, MCCMC
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
John Bruckbauer	San Rafael Emergency Management Coordinator
Maggie Lang	CERT Coordinator, Get Ready / Southern Marin
Philippa Lockwood	ARC Disaster Program Specialist / MIDC contact
Terry Scussel,	Access & Functional Needs - Develop Disability.
Tom Roberts	AFN Communities: Whistlestop Chief Op Officer

Members Excused or absent:

David Peery	MMWD Safety & Risk Manager
James Wickham	PG&E Safety + Preparedness Specialist

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>
Martina Koeckritz	Member of public <a href="mailto:tourko1@icloud.com">tourko1@icloud.com</a>

Handouts distributed:

- Agenda, PDEP Monday Aug 8, 2016 version (a)  
(Note: The April + June PDEP meetings were cancelled.)
- Draft Minutes of PDE+P meeting of July 11, 2016 version (d)
- DRAFT 03 PDEP Survey Yr 2016 of DC3 members.docx
- Webpage: Cal OES, FEMA Strengthen Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Preparedness  
<http://www.oesnews.com/cal-oes-fema-strengthen-bay-area-catastrophic-earthquake-preparedness>
- Email 7/7/16 FCox re Draft Internal Study Marin Transit Mobility Mgmt June 2016. See:  
[http://www.marintransit.org/pdf/planning/Draft\\_Senior\\_Study.pdf](http://www.marintransit.org/pdf/planning/Draft_Senior_Study.pdf)
- Terry Scussel comments to Transit Mobility Management Study, July 19, 2016
- Marin OES training calendar from [http://marinsheriff.org/about.aspx?gi\\_id=53](http://marinsheriff.org/about.aspx?gi_id=53)
- CERT tri-fold Marin County Community Emergency Response Team training.

**I. Welcome, Introductions,**

- Frank Cox called meeting to order at Central Marin Police Community room est 1304 hr., and asked members and attendees to identify themselves.
- PDEP members D. Peery and J. Wickham were excused.

**Review Minutes**

- Maggie moved, Garry 2<sup>nd</sup>, the July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved
- (Note: The April + June PDEP meetings were cancelled.)

**II. PDEP survey of DC3 members – Current Draft - Where are we now?**

- At the July 11<sup>th</sup> PDEP meeting, members agreed DC3 members may have a wealth of practical ideas about disaster preparedness / education efforts in Marin County, and could be surveyed to see their priorities and suggestions. Members made suggestions on what the survey might contain, and then reviewed DRAFT 03 of the Survey at this meeting.
- Multiple edits were suggested, notably including:



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- Tightening and simplifying language in the Draft(s).
- Clarifying vague questions, separating overlapping concepts
- Editing questions to discern what efforts are useful: Get Ready program, Get Ready 5th Grade, Ready Business templates, ReadyMarin.org website, CERT training, and PDEP projects, and inviting comments to improve same.
- Questions about gaps in preparedness, identifying obstacles to correcting the gaps, and prioritizing DC3 efforts over the next two years.
- Discerning additional existing or planned efforts, and inviting fresh ideas.
- Frank and Bill invited members to comment on evolving drafts over the next few days, and then to compile a final version that could be submitted to DC3 chair Judy Arnold for presentation at the 9-8-2016 DC3 meeting.

### III. Updates from PDEP members

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

- Catherine reported MCCMC had not reviewed disaster issues since our last meeting.
- The Twin Cities Disaster Preparedness Committee is working closely with Joshua Szarek, who reports to the Central Marin Police Authority to support neighborhood response team development throughout Corte Madera / Larkspur.
- Joshua commented neighborhoods tend to be at three levels of development:
  - Those now practicing their plans, such as Mariner Cove
  - Those organizing block captains and other elements, and
  - Those being introduced to <http://www.nrgmarin.org/> concepts and templates.
- Collaboration between city Public works officials and Marin County will result in updated maps for Central Marin.

#### - West Marin

- Maggie reported the next WMDC meeting is scheduled Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1300 hrs at the Pt. Reyes Fire Station / Public Safety Building.

#### - Emergency Managers Group, other Public Preparedness

- John Bruckbauer advised
- California Emergency Services Association (CESA) will hold its annual meeting October 4-7, 2016 in San Diego, with a focus on new ways emergency managers can engage the public.<sup>1</sup>
- The 2016 Great California ShakeOut Drill is scheduled Thursday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:20 a.m.<sup>2</sup> John showed a sample promotional blue bag with quake preparedness tips inside that is being promoted by the ShakeOut organization.
- The annual Urban Shield Bay Area regional terrorism training will be held September 8-12, 2016, and will include coordination training for local and Operational Area EOCs under the title 'Yellow Command' training.<sup>3</sup> Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) will participate in this event as well.
- Frank added that event, coordinated through the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will involve dozens of first responder agencies throughout the area, and will be based on a complex scenario involving earthquake damage, loss of potable water in cities, community distribution points, cyber terrorism, and other potential elements. The FEMA Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX)s mentioned in the July PDEP minutes will not be scheduled in Marin, as many of those issues will be part of the Urban Shield scenario.

<sup>1</sup> CESA website: <http://www.cesa.net/>

<sup>2</sup> California Shakeout: <http://www.shakeout.org/california/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> Urban Shield / Yellow Command regional training: <http://www.urbanshield.org/>



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- MIDC and Red Cross Events:

- Philippa reported
- Red Cross:
  - The planned September 10th Red Cross Shelter drill will be moved from Petaluma to the Cotati Veteran's Memorial Hall.
  - ARC will ask volunteers to open and simulate management of a shelter, complete with simulated injured victims arriving at the shelter. Partner agencies, including Marin Medical Reserve Corps and CERT teams will participate.
- MIDC
  - As John Bruchbauer reported at the last meeting, the Marin Interagency Disaster Council (MIDC)<sup>4</sup> continues to support member agency efforts.

- Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry noted the Marin Business Emergency Readiness Program, M'BER (pronounced em'-ber), is now online, termed 'Ready Business'.<sup>5</sup> The materials are designed so that a given organization, such the Mill Valley Fire District has already done, chooses to promote local business preparedness, the templates are available to support the local effort.
- The program still needs a consistent source of funding to in turn support a part time trainer or coordinator position to help local organizations with these materials.
- A working group within the Marin Economic Forum with a focus on small business preparedness is reviewing the project.
- Bill noted Novato city officials, in collaboration with the Novato Downtown Business Association<sup>6</sup> and Chamber of Commerce<sup>7</sup> have active members who have supported small business disaster preparedness planning in recent years, and who also may be interested in the 'Ready Business' materials recently posted.

- CERT and Get Ready 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Reports by Maggie Lang:

Marin County CERT

- The August Novato CERT class graduated 19 persons, including 6 or 7 from the Quail Hill Townhouse area.
- Four more CERT classes are scheduled:
  - October 1 + 8 Southern Marin (Full)
  - October 15 + 20 Nicasio
  - November 5+6 Kentfield
  - November 12+19 San Rafael
- There is planning for a January 2017 Tomales area CERT class
- CERT document for Instructors working with persons with Access & Functional Needs has been updated and will be circulated.
- Two advanced CERT classes are scheduled:
  - September 10<sup>th</sup>: Communications level II at Twin Cities
  - November 5<sup>th</sup>: Annual CERT exercise, to be held in Mill Valley.

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<sup>4</sup> MIDC webpage: <http://www.midcpartners.org/>

<sup>5</sup> Ready Business site: <http://readymarin.org/get-ready/ready-business/>

<sup>6</sup> Novato Downtown Business Association: <http://www.downtownnovato.com/>

<sup>7</sup> Novato Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.novatochamber.com/>



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- A Marin CERT Newsletter will be published in about a week, and will be downloadable on the [www.ReadyMarin.org](http://www.ReadyMarin.org) site.
- An application for a grant to support continuation of the Marin CERT program was rejected by the State Homeland Security Grant Program. However, there is hope the coordinator position may become funded by the County.
- Ideally, Marin County would benefit from having one CERT trained person for every 20 households.
- Among the growing Ready Neighborhood efforts conducted in various parts of the county, Maggie pointed to Marinwood CERT member Sabine Grandke-Taft success in organizing dozens of residents near her home, and sustaining the effort by hosting 'Wine Wednesday' follow-up meetings.
- An improved 'Ready Neighborhoods' part of the [www.ReadyMarin.org](http://www.ReadyMarin.org) website will be posted in the near future.

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

- Tom Roberts is working with Ursula Hanks, Amy Van Doren, and others in a planning effort later this month that will lead to a Fall 2016 conference designed to build on the April 14, 2016 Evacuation / Transportation Tabletop Exercise (TTX) held at the County EOC.
- Tom advised that Whistlesop did apply for Marin Community Foundation grant that was only available for a short application period, and seems designed to support nonprofits providing critical services for persons with AFN. A decision has not yet been made whether the grant was approved or not.
- Terry did prepare and submit his written comments to the Marin Transit Mobility Management study. The Marin County Transit District Board will review those comments August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Terry noted the plans projected flat funding for the next nine years while the cost of these programs is simultaneously expected to grow at 2.8-2.9% annually. The plan seemed to underestimate the expected growth of elderly persons in the County, and this will impact multiple types of transit services.
- Further, the ADA paratransit projections do not reflect the total ridership demands of persons involved in the developmental disability communities, non-driving seniors, and others including attendants and those who are not counted under publicly funded programs.
- The projections and plans of the study cover expected ordinary usage, and do not deal with surge ridership expected following a disaster.
- Additional concerns were raised by Terry in his comments (part of the handouts).

### - Utilities + MMWD

- Dave Peery was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a detailed note to Frank that was summarized as follows:
  - Don Wick will start at MMWD as the Watershed Protection Manager - Chief Ranger replacing Bill Hogan who retired from MMWD a few months ago.
  - Several employees assigned to the Facilities & Watershed Division crews attended a Marin County OES supported Emergency Preparedness training last month in Alameda.
  - Two MMWD rooms on the Corporate Yard side of the facilities in Corte Madera have been remodeled to include HD TV screens. This will permit the GM and Division Managers to stay abreast of developments and latest news in the event of emergencies within our District area or in Marin County. A special thanks to Woody Baker-Cohn of MC/OES for being instrumental in the coordination of these improvements.



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- Jim Wickham was unable to attend this meeting, and likely will be unable to attend the September or October PDEP meetings that conflict with conferences he must attend. However, he sent us a compelling video link of some of the key First Responder training he continues to put on for PG&E.<sup>8</sup> PDEP members are encouraged to view the video.

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

- Bill Tyler reported on several major Statewide Fires, including those continually reported on the CalFire Incident Information page.<sup>9</sup>
- As of the August 8<sup>th</sup> date, the Soberant Fire had consumed about 60K acres, and was then about 45% contained. The Pilot Fire in San Bernardino was only about 5% contained, and the Cold fire in Yolo county was then about 70% contained.
- Generally, CalFire makes an effort to put out fires on State Operational Area fires, but the same fires if they expand to federal lands are permitted to burn themselves out, within containment lines drawn by federal fire resources. Often, over very steep terrain, containment of a wildland fire is a much greater priority than direct attack methods.
- As Bill mentioned in July, this year fire prevention officers are reviewing California Fire Code for local adoption. Occasional section numbers get changed, or other recommendations, but cities do have the option to mandate disaster preparedness plans, evacuation plans, and the like for businesses and residences under Chapter 4 of the Code.
- Fire services and Law enforcement agencies have shared recent 'active shooter' and equivalent training together. In the past, if an attack involving hostages commenced, law enforcement would take time to bring up S.W.A.T. and other teams, while fire personnel might wait extended periods to respond to injuries suffered by others. Given the speed and deadly impact of current attacks, terrorist or otherwise, law and fire personnel are now trained to act very quickly with on-scene personnel, including moving fire / paramedic staff into active fire (Hot) or recently cleared (Warm) zones very quickly.
- Catherine reported last month officers from the Central Marin Police Authority, supported by Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Departments, conducted an Active Shooter drill at Redwood High school. KTVU television reported on the story, among others.<sup>10</sup>
- John mentioned similar training has been, or is scheduled to be, held in other Marin County sites, including the City of San Rafael.
- Frank reported a newspaper article detailing a Statewide aerial survey of forested areas in the Sierras, conducted by the Carnegie Airborne Observatory has documented some 66 million California trees killed by the drought – a number that is only growing. The consequent risk of wildland fires has never been higher.

### - OES, Training and other Events:

- Frank distributed and commented on the County OES training calendar that can be downloaded on the MCSO website<sup>11</sup>:

## VII. Open Time / Public Comment

### 2:55 PM end of meeting

- Bill Tyler closed the meeting.

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<sup>8</sup> PG&E training held in June, Sonoma County: <http://www.pgecurrents.com/2016/08/08/video-pge-hosts-%e2%80%98meeting-of-the-minds%e2%80%99-on-emergency-response-in-sonoma-county/>

<sup>9</sup> CalFire Incident Information page: <http://calfireinformation.weebly.com/>

<sup>10</sup> KTVU coverage of Redwood High Active Shooter drill: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/174513478-story>

<sup>11</sup> Marin OES training calendar from [http://marinsheriff.org/about.aspx?gi\\_id=53](http://marinsheriff.org/about.aspx?gi_id=53)



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**Next Meetings:**

**PDEP Meetings: 1-3pm Year 2016: (subject to change):**

**9/12, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5/2016.**

**Dates to be confirmed**

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

**DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm: 9/8/16, 12/8/16 – usually at new EOF.**

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