



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee of
the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps Council (DC3)
Committee Meeting – Monday May 1, 2017**

PDE+P Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2017
Approved at PDEP meeting 6/5/2017

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	Councilmember, City of Larkspur, member, MCCMC
James Wickham	PG&E Safety + Preparedness Specialist
Maggie Lang	CERT Coordinator, Get Ready / Southern Marin
Dr. Tom Cromwell	Marin Medical Reserve Corps, etc.

Members Excused or absent:

David Peery	MMWD Safety & Risk Manager
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
Megan Scott	Sr Program Coordinator H&HS Public Health Preparedness
Terry Scussel,	Access & Functional Needs - Develop Disability.

Members of Public Present

Keith Kennedy	DC3 Member, Dist. 3, wkkjr@comcast.net
Lori Schiffrin	MMRC, CERT, etc. / lori.sch@att.net

Handouts distributed:

- Agenda, PDEP meeting 5/1/2017
- Draft Minutes PDEP Monday April 3, 2017 version (b)
- www.cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Policy-Development/Public-Safety-Policy-Committee
- Also: March 30, 2017 Agenda from that site.
- MarinIJ articles 'County has extra \$5.5M to play with' "State set to refund \$13M to county"
- Marin IJ 'Corte Madera Emergency Preparedness Fund Launches with strong support'
- Email 4/14/17 from Dave Jeffries followup data on local Disaster Councils – print from <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/planning-preparedness/disaster-council-accreditation>
- Novato Wildfire Community Preparedness Day: Saturday May 6, 2017 article printed from <http://Firesafemarin.org>
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I. Welcome, Introductions,

- Bill Tyler welcomed all

Review Minutes

- Tom moved, Maggie 2nd, the April 3th minutes were approved

II. League of Calif Cities Public Safety Policy Committee news

- Catherine Way, a member of the League of Calif. Cities Public Safety Policy Committee, reported that the League Public Safety Policy committee meets four times a year.
- This last meeting was primarily about law enforcement issues and not too much discussion about EMS or disaster preparation matters.
- One issue of interest is the new concerns about fire response to the marijuana grow industry and private grow places after the legalization of Adult Use of Marijuana Act in 2016. Local fire departments are considering new legislation to deal with enhanced safety of firefighters in grow house situations.



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III. Local Disaster Councils Meeting #2 April 13, 2017

- Catherine Way chaired a meeting of the Local Disaster Councils on April 13, 2017, and reported that the Second meeting of the Local Disaster Councils was well attended. We discussed the challenges and opportunities of working together. Also shared the primary issue that all council's face -- apathy of the citizens.
- Discussed ideas of how to combine interests and activities especially in the area of publicity. Group plans to continue meeting quarterly. Considered a name change to the Marin Disaster Preparedness Coalition.
- This will be further discussed at the July meeting. July meeting goals are to bring materials that each group shares with their residents; website addresses; and examples of training/education activities.

IV. Updates from PDEP members

- MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- Catherine presented a report on what the DC3 and PDEP have been discussing at the dinner meeting in April.
- She also shared the experience of the mutual aid SMART Train vs. School Bus mass casualty incident. Maggie was also a role-playing victim at that exercise.
- Several city council members expressed interest in pursuing a subcommittee of various council members of the MCCMC to focus on disaster preparedness. Catherine will bring this idea to the MCCMC executive council for their consideration.

- West Marin

- Maggie Lang reported that Ann Sands, WMDC Coordinator, advised by email WMDC will hold its next meeting May 18th Red Barn classroom at Point Reyes National Seashore.

- MIDC and Red Cross Events:

- Bill Tyler spoke with Mike Conroy, Senior Disaster Program Manager, Red Cross, and advised a representative was unavailable to attend our May meeting, but PDEP continues to seek collaboration with local Red Cross efforts.

- Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry Lion was unable to attend the meeting, so this report is deferred.

- CERT, Get Ready and Get Ready 5th:

- Maggie Lang reported:
- CERT
 - **Status of 2017 Classes:** Mill Valley graduated 30 new CERTs; San Rafael last weekend graduated 24. Last class of the season is Nicasio in May, then start again in Oct..
 - The CERT Office moved to Fire Station 9 in Strawberry (Mill Valley) 2 weeks ago. Thanks to Chief Tubbs & Chief Weber for assistance in smooth transition. Waiting for phone line. Waiting for a phone line.
 - Third newsletter due out soon...ideas?
 - CERTs will be working with law enforcement in MV during the 5/20 Mill Valley Evacuation Drill
 - **Advanced Trainings:** April 20- 1st Aid training taught by Mill Valley Fire Dept. Annual Disaster Simulation Exercise, hopefully hosted by Novato in the fall.
 - **Train the Trainer** plan to have another Train the Trainer in the Fall
- Readymarin.org website report:
 - Ready Businesses is up on the website; Ready Neighborhoods still in process. New look with new banners in process.
- 501(c)(3) sustainability:
 - Marin County CERT is now a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization under MarinLink so able to take donations (<http://marinlink.org/>). 3 year Strategic



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Plan has been adopted by Steering Committee, which will remain on as Advisory Committee. Homeland Security funding for the program ended 12/31/2016, County funds will pick up funding for the Coordinator position & confirmed through 12/31 at this point.

- Get Ready
 - GR- Classes being offered by different instructors around the county; will put dates on the website if we know about it. (Only Novato GR posts currently).
 - GR5- Spoke at Marin County Office of Education re: Gr5/rep from all over the county. Finished teaching in Mill Valley all 5th grades.
- Discussion:
 - PDEP members discussed the loss of any funding or support services for the Countywide Get Ready program. Individuals associated with the Get Ready program occasionally are requested to create a local class, and Novato instructor Terry Fisher teaches classes a few times a year – but the Get Ready program is at risk of disappearing. Similarly, the Marin Business Emergency Readiness (M'BER) Program remains unfunded and unstaffed. The CERT Coordinator position is funded through December, 2017, but questions remain past that date. Finally, the DC3/PDEP recommendation for a Countywide Disaster Preparedness Coordinator position remains unapproved.
 - The December Survey of DC3 members confirmed many of these concerns, but did not result in an action item at DC3.
 - PDEP will ask that DC3 consider further discussion of the Survey findings and recommendations in light of press reports there may be some unexpected funding sources.

- Access + Functional Needs communities (AFN):

- Terry Scussel was not able to attend the meeting, so this report is deferred

- Public Health Preparedness and related programs

- Megan Scott was not able to attend the meeting, so this report is deferred.

- Utilities including MMWD and PG&E

- Dave Peery, MMWD, was unable to attend today as he was meeting with the Marin County Grand Jury in a series of informational meetings.
- He reported by email that MMWD is in a major upgrade earth quake retrofit at both our Bon Tempt Treatment Plant and the San Geronimo Treatment Plant. This will ensure uninterrupted water treatment should the big earthquake hit here in Southern Marin.
- Jim Wickham, PG&E and Mill Valley Councilmember, reported that Mill Valley will conduct this year's annual neighborhood evacuation drill Saturday, May 20th. PG&E will participate with information and displays of equipment used in emergencies, including setting up a PG&E 'Base Camp' including many functions: disaster showers, communications, and other resources. Other groups, including CERT, ARC, MMRC, Law and Fire Agencies, Humane Society, MMWD, etc. will be part of the Mill Valley event.

- Marin Medical Reserve Corps, etc.

- Dr. Tom Cromwell reported that MMRC participated in a National Reserve Medical Corps convention in Atlanta last week.
- MMRC plans to expand First Aid For Disaster Response (FADR) classes, including three or four new trainers, and add additional classes on CPR and use of AEDs.
- Some studies suggest direct hands-on compression CPR can increase survival rates for heart attack victims from about 25% to about 85%.
- An April 29 course at MGH attracted about 60 persons.
- MMRC membership varies. An obsolete membership role some years ago counted about 400 persons. Currently, about 60 persons are active in MMRC, but there is a recruitment drive expected to expand that number.



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- Fire Services + County at Large Issues:

- The late rains in Marin delayed the 'official' fire season in Marin to about June 1st, but California wildfires have already begun, starting in Southern California.
- Bill noted CalFire has a new smartphone app '**Ready for Wildfire**' that has includes preparedness tools, customized wildfire texts or push notifications, current maps of California fires, and much more.¹
- This week is Wildfire Awareness Week. Novato Fire and the County have passed resolutions supporting the campaign that can be seen on FireSafeMarin.org.
- Novato and other agencies are contacting residents in the Wildland Urban Interface Zones (WUI) by postcards, letters, social media, and such.
- Currently, only San Rafael has ordinances mandating removal of high risk vegetation in WUI zones, but many agencies support the efforts as voluntary vegetation management.
- On May 6th, the Firewise Communities of Pacheco Valley and Marin Valley Mobile County Club will host a fire prevention presentation and display, supported by a \$500 grant from National Fire Protection Association.
- May 7th fire prevention information will be available at the Civic Center Farmer's Market, and on May 16th FireSafeMarin.org will support a Chipper Day. On June 3-4 MCFD will conduct defensible space inspections.²

- OES, Training and other Events:

- Given the time, Frank briefly outlined a few recent training and upcoming training events, including:
 - 2017 05 16 TEPP Training #2 (County OES)
 - 2017 05 17 Section Training Logistics
 - 2017 05 31 UASI Shelters training
 - 2017 06 01 DSW Class
 - 2017 06 06 Section Training Planning
 - 2017 06 13 Section Training Operations
 - 2017 06 15 Web EOC

V. Open Time / Public Comment

3:00 PM end of meeting

- Bill closed the meeting.

Next Meetings:

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

6/5, (possible cancelation: 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: 3/9/2017, 6/8, 9/14, 12/14/2017 – at new EOF.

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¹ Cal OES Wildfire App: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-for-Wildfire-App/>

² FireSafe Marin has details on the many fire prevention efforts underway in Marin County:
<http://www.firesafemarin.org/about/news>