

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
February 12, 2009
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

Meeting Attendees: John Anderson, Charles Banks, Chris Dragoo, Christi Hansard, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Mike Vaughn, Paul Waddell, Dave Wolin

Meeting called to order: 0730

Committee Introductions:

Old Business

New Business

Discussion/Roundtable

John Anderson reports the main issues the department is focusing on are wild fires and flooding. He also commented on the near hazmat incident that happened recently when two trains hit head on but did not derail near the Madera Country Club. Recently, the Sheriff's Department held an evacuation exercise with the correctional facility which houses 8,000 prisoners. Understandably, the prison has an internal process that cannot be disclosed, which made the exercise difficult to execute. However, a relationship did develop and there is a better feeling and understanding between prison officials, Sheriff's Department, and OES.

Mike Vaughn is taking on volunteers and will be planning a large scale drill the first Saturday in May. It is a slow process in getting people trained. There will be a training day on decision making for self-evacuation which will be held at the church sometime before May.

Tom Burdett will also be involved in the training session mentioned above.

Charles Banks has nothing to report at this time.

Jerry Thompson would like to participate in the spring drill. He is currently working on antennas for different usage.

Christi Hansard is working on her facility's emergency preparedness plan. She is interested in any training and would like to participate in drills.

Janet Stanovich is working with the American Red Cross, Department of Social Services for shelter operations, and is getting ready and coordinating the different

agencies for the spring drill emphasizing wildfire and evacuation plans for the Oakhurst area.

Paul Waddell is working on a project regarding removal of hazardous materials and addressing defensible space. He is producing a comic/coloring book on the role of fire in the eco system. He is still getting estimates for production and is looking into acquiring grant money. The most current version of the book can be found on the website www.chipperchipmunk.com.

Chris Dragoo is also working on the spring drill. She reports that CMC-Oakhurst will be getting a new more powerful generator.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2009

Meeting adjourned at: 8:25am

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hayes