

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
July 9, 2009
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

Meeting Attendees: Charles Banks, Chris Dragoo, Rich Drozen, PJ Grant, Christi Hansard, Jere Miller, Rick Rekart, Joseph Shreve, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Dave Wolin

Meeting called to order: 0740

Committee Introductions:

Old Business

New Business

Discussion/Roundtable

Janet Stanovich reports that she attended the Golden Guardian in Sacramento on June 29th. The focus of next year's drill will be on port security. She will be developing a mechanism to tie into their scenario concentrating on resource availability, medical supplies required, etc. She also reports that there have not been any weather related issues so far due to the heat. The Agriculture Department also has nothing to report on heat distress of large animals. She reports that the EOP and mitigation plan is on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for July 21st. If the mitigation plan is approved, it enables project funding with a kick-off date in late August.

Chris Dragoo attended the Hotwash recently and findings concluded that there is no method in place to transfer specimens to the County labs. The challenge will be in the fall when the regular flu vaccine is given in addition to the H1N1 vaccine; which will require patient tracking as the vaccine is given in a two dose series 2-3 weeks apart. Also the criteria for testing specimens need to be relaxed due to the massive amounts of specimens being tested. Chris reports that CMC-Oakhurst was busier on the 3rd rather than on the 4th of July.

Christi Hansard is developing the Rancheria's hazardous mitigation plan in coordination with Madera County.

PJ Grant is currently working on their emergency disaster plan.

Charles Banks attended the Field Day exercise. The exercise practiced setting up antennas and transmitters. The group also tested their equipment during this 24 hour period to see how many contacts that could be made throughout the US.

Jerry Thompson also attended the Field Day exercise and stated that everything worked well.

Dick Reckart stated that it was a very calm 4th of July. His group patrolled the mountain area and reported no incidents; which was very encouraging.

Rich Drozen also stated it was a quiet 4th with no major incidents and no fire activity. Calfire has contracted with Caltrans for crews to clear brush on Deadwood and highway areas.

Jere Miller spoke to the tribe about fire safety with excellent response, but he is still trying to get the word out about fire safety in the mountain community.

Joseph Shreve states YLP emergency plans are up to date. The association has opened the Club House from 8am-8pm as a cooling center. He notes that there was a rattlesnake bite to a YLP resident and that the family expressed how well the agencies worked together.

Dave Wolin states that there is a new radio station, 94.7 that is now broadcasting. The Sierra Star has printed articles on fire/emergency preparedness. The VFW has been working on projects.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2009

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15am

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hayes

