

Eastern Madera County EP committee meeting
June 14, 2007
Sierra Ambulance conference room

Meeting attendees: Too many to list....

Meeting called to order 0735

Committee introductions:

Discussion/ Round table:

Sierra Ambulance:

Ed Guzman reported no pending MCI drill. He also clarified that the purpose of our EP committee is to facilitate networking of agencies.

The fire station in North Fork is a cooperative effort with NFCDC, Sierra Ambulance and Madera County and Madera County Fire/CDF. The Board of Supervisors will vote on June 27th to proceed with the project as planned. Sierra Ambulance will also receive 230k from the Chukchansi tribe. These monies are planned for equipment: new ambulance, technology upgrades and hydraulic gurney.

Staff training today for "over the edge" patient access.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Janet Stanovich

Reports she has been in the OES position for 2 weeks and is focusing on updates and completing the EOP plan.

Madera County mountain cooling centers will be in North Fork, Oakhurst and Coarsegold

There will be an operational council meeting in July

Flood mitigation is being worked on with a focus on arundo (bamboo type plant)

EOC is looking at plans for the future

Health fair on Sept 30th What is our scope of participation?

CMC Oakhurst: Chris Dragoo

Preparing to care for the community and tourists this summer

ARES: Dick Rekart

Participating with RACES at Field Day at YHS June 23-24 starting at 12 Saturday ending at noon Sunday. This is a 24 hour event and all are welcome.

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Sgt. Jim Bernardy replacing Chuck Bump MSO
4W drive training at Frances Junction Rd was successful

RACES: Jerry

As above with ARES.

OES: Kevin and Paul Calkin, Ben

Ben: reported that OES is beginning to network with radio clubs (ARES, RACES) and considers them a valuable resource.

There is a "Oasis Satellite" Trailer currently in Fresno. It is considered a CA state asset and has capability to have 24 phone lines and other radio capabilities. It is requested by OES in a disaster/emergency and could be available to the mountain community in a matter of hours (ideal) It could also be available for education/drill but probably would stay in Fresno.

Kevin: Presented "Storm Ready" program sponsored by NWS. NWS can send a representative to speak at our meeting if we are interested in pursuing this program for our community.

Paul: Reported requirements for dams in our area that need to be mapped, documented, and assessed for safety every two years

Also the EOP needs to be updated every three years. He also stated that the "Emergency council meeting" will include "all the players" including health and law enforcement.

He also reported on a Hazard Identification Plan that needs to be in place in order for the federal government to reimburse for damages during a disaster.

Paul also noted that the Heat Index handout is a great tool for determining the determination of "excessive heat" warnings. Heat index: In regards to livestock, has the possibility of avoiding mass death of livestock/ chickens which if left dead can cause health and environmental issue of disposal. In regards to humans it will allow for education and public awareness. Also it could impact services affected by heat, for instance PG&E. If there is an electrical failure/trip/degradation it could easily cascade into a large scale event (electrical failure) on affecting not only the public, but hospital, grocery stores, gas stations, and technology dependant persons. This could be a multi state event due to the cascade of failure.

Sierra Pines Church: Ray Fonda

The church looked into purchasing a generator, and found the cost too much at this time. They are looking forward to participating as an emergency shelter and will meet with Red Cross to evaluate their building and develop a plan.

Janet stated she thought the community based training for shelter preparation should be available at the end of the year.

Fire Marshall: Roger Maggio

Fireworks: not allowed north and east of the Madera canal. Increased possibility of fire this year due to dry conditions. Sierra Ambulance and CMC-UC to report all burns and injuries due to fireworks.

SPCA: Tom Burdett

Attended meeting with CDF re: recognition of SPCA role during disaster/emergency was well received with feed back. Issue of satellite shelters issued to be addressed in the future regarding live stock /pets given back to the community after a disaster/emergency and the possibility of disease. Meeting with Madera County animal control as well as Fresno County in hopes of a cooperative program. North Fork CDF: submission of all requirements given to Madera County in order to proceed with project.

Fire Safe Council: Roger Maybe and Larry Balou

Roger: He would like to focus on community outreach, as the mountain community is considered "high risk" for a fire event

Larry: He would like to assist the community regarding fuel modification and noted that fuel reduction plans are required for new development.

Madera County PHD- EP: Bernie Smith

Disaster drill evaluator training completed and a list will be available to EP drill planners.

Recent EP drills at CHCC utilizing the Chem Pak, and at MCH.

The DHS report is due at the end of the month and addresses all aspects involved in EP for our area.

Friday there will be an IT demo for EOS web-based emergency management system.

Madera County employees are receiving weekly emails to assist with home EP. Pan flu plan to the state August 30th

New staff (Andrea) at PHD will work on signing up persons for the "Medical Reserve Corp".

Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce: Deborah

The Chamber supports a "fire safe"/EP brochure to be distributed to the community.

Red Cross: Fred

Poker Run on Sat June 16th to benefit Red Cross and the assistance they provide to families. There will be a stop at the Bass Lake substation. They rely on donations to provide for the community.

Cot trailer day is June 30th, it will be stored in Madera.

The Red Cross utilized the trailer recently at the fire that displaced multiple families and were set up, and serving meals within 2hrs of call out.

Senior heat awareness with FMAAA

They are also working with ARES and RACES re: communications

Discussion on involvement in Health Fair in September presented by the Madera County PHD here in Oakhurst:

The consensus of members was that it was not going to put up a booth as EMCEP, but participating agencies are planning to set up individual booths.

Meeting closed at 9:10