

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

**Meeting Attendees:** Barry Beyer, Tracy Cheek, Chris Dragoo, Jo Ann Evans, Ray Fonda, Jere Miller, Rick Rekart, Debby Shelley, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Dave Wolin

**Meeting called to order:** 0735

**Committee Introductions:**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

PG&E will be hosting two community meetings to discuss the seismic retrofit to the Crane Valley Dam at Bass Lake. The water level has been lowered 10-12 feet which concerns the community in regards to boat safety and also the economic effects if the amount of vacationers declines due to the lower water level. Meetings will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flyer attached.

**Discussion/Roundtable**

Chris Dragoo reports she is working on the details for the upcoming spring drill, with emphasis on exercising staff for an influx of patients and communication between all the different entities. Also, she is taking inventory of the CMC-O storage container that holds items available for first responders. Chris invites anyone who would like to tour the container to view its contents.

Ray Fonda states that Sierra Pines Church is always available for use as a shelter in emergency situations. However, if the power is out, they do not have a generator to operate the building, but can use a simple generator to run the well pump for water usage.

Jere Miller is working getting the fire station going. He reports that there is a possible infestation of pine beetles in the Cascadel area.

Jo Ann Evans states the Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Mother's Day run on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The 5k run is a fundraiser for local youth groups. The Chowchilla PD will be hosting a Law Enforcement Memorial Day on May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

Debby Shelley discussed the upcoming presentation by Gordon Graham on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is attached for more details. She also passed around a book by Amanda Ripley, Who Survives When Disaster Strikes, that she says is a very good read.

Tracy Cheek reports that there is a new unit chief. He comes with a pretty diverse background. She also reminds attendees of Roger Simms' retirement party on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center. The building of Station 12 might begin in May.

Barry Beyer states that there has been a spike in patients coming to Kaiser with cold and flu symptoms.

Dick Rekart displayed a solar light flashlight that he purchased at Costco recently. The beam reaches 150 feet, is waterproof, floats, and can remain lit for approximately 10 hours. The cost is about \$23 for a two pack.

Jerry Thompson is gearing up for the next exercise and working on providing communications.

Janet Stanovich is currently working on the drill scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. COPS, RACES, and Sierra Meadowlarks will be participating as victims. The drill will be held at three different sites. Regular meetings are being held. A tabletop meeting is scheduled in the morning followed by the drill in the afternoon. OES is working on obtaining grant money for upcoming projects. Janet will be attending a Region 5 meeting in Sacramento soon. She also notes that the next Golden Guardian exercise will probably focus on the ports.

Ed Guzman states that Sierra Ambulance will be participating in the MCI drill in El Portal. He also reports that Sierra Ambulance was able to participate and treat three riders who crashed in the recent Amgen Tour. SAS is hiring in preparation for the summer season.

Dave Wolin notes the Amgen Tour was good PR for our area and was better than expected. There will be a one hour documentary of the tour and will include a portion of the race on Road 426. There will be a town hall meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> in North Fork at 6pm (flyer attached).

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2009

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:20am

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Hayes

