

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
May 14, 2009
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

Meeting Attendees: Carol Barney, Barry Beyer, Jon DeVoe, Chris Dragoo, Rich Drozen, Ed Guzman, Jere Miller, Rick Rekart, Joseph Shreve, Bernie Smith, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Mike Vaughn, Dave Wolin

Meeting called to order: 0735

Committee Introductions:

Old Business

The spring drill, "Wildland Fires: Evacuation & Shelter Operations", was held on April 30th. There were approximately 35-40 participants. There will be a critiquing of the drill held this morning at 9am at CMC-Oakhurst.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Discussion/Roundtable

Ed Guzman reports that Sierra Ambulance is hiring in preparation of the busy summer season ahead. Business has been steady during the winter and spring. He inquired of Caltrans attendee if there will be a preemptive signal installed at Road 415. Caltrans will check to see with the permit people if it is in the plans. There is one at Lucky Lane that was paid for by Chukchansi.

Jerry Thompson and his group participated in the spring drill and tried various tests between CMC-Oakhurst and the Lutheran Church.

John DeVoe stated how Caltrans is involved in our community. They work with CHP and are oftentimes the first on the scene. Their staff are trained as 1st responders and traffic control until CHP arrives.

Barry Beyer met with Bernie Smith regarding response to disasters. Kaiser is developing emergency disaster drills for satellite Kaiser sites. The first meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

Mike Vaughn will be holding a training session and BBQ on May 30th in North Fork. He is hoping to involve Calfire for training purposes.

Chris Dragoo will be participating along with Madera County Health Department in the June Drill on pan flu. Relay for Life will be held May 16-17 at Wasuma School.

Bernie Smith attended a tabletop exercise on pan flu recently. The swine flu is a very adaptable virus; therefore, the public cannot let their guard down. Public Health does not want panic, but wants the public to pay attention to what is going on. On June 18th, there will be a county wide functional exercise on pan flu. She also reports that the staff have been working on ICS 400 and have now completed all classes. She also notes that Public Health would like to attend local town hall meetings.

Jere Miller states that North Fork has signed the MOU for the new fire station. He also reports they are gearing up for a busy fire season. He notes that PG&E held a drill at Crane Valley Dam.

Joseph Shreve reports that the YLP Association has updated its emergency plan and recently regraded fire roads. The Association is currently compiling a list of people that would need assistance during an evacuation. The Association has purchased fire pagers for the security staff.

Rich Drozen reports that Calfire currently has 12 staffed engines and will go to peak staffing on June 1st. Calfire is ramping up for a busy fire season, but is also suffering from budget cuts. Burning has been shut down in Madera County for now. There is a spring exercise planned soon.

Dave Wolin states that Tom Wheeler suggests the best way to reach registered voters is through their email addresses and is also a good way to notify them of upcoming Town Hall meetings, etc.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2009

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20am

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hayes