



Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch, Condensed Minutes

May 4, 2016

- I. Attendees: Mark Goodman, M.D. (Chair), Maureen Levinson (VP, BAA), Christ Bement, Marcia Hobbs, (President BAA), Julie and Frank Dufour, M.D., Terra Jacobson, Mike Rich, Ph.D., Grazka Taylor, Greg Hallert, M.D., LAPD Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale, LAFD Captain David Valdez and the five LAFD members of Fire Station 71 Battalion A

- II. Emergency Connectedness: HAM Radio vs. Walkie-Talkies.
 - A. HAM Radio requires a large antenna and equipment but has significant range
 - B. Walkie Talkies are cheap and powerful but limited to line of sight.
 - C. Emergency Services have community-wide repeaters that allow parallel and independent function compared with civilian services.
 - D. We will explore lining up a set of the walkie talkies for regional team leaders

- III. Officer Ragsdale: Senior Lead Officer for LAPD for Bel Air Community
 - A. Names and numbers of important emergency services provided as a handout
 - B. "If you want to know if you are prepared for an emergency, shut off your city water and power for a few days." Be prepared to go for at least this time on your own in the event of a catastrophe
 - C. Handout for Burglary prevention and safety

- IV. CERT training
 1. Civilian Emergency Response Training for community participants.
 2. Template for community provide organization and initial response in time of crisis.
 3. May best be implemented via sectioning community into districts and soliciting volunteers for training and leadership within districts.
 4. Item issue going forward to outline districts within our community and have team leaders regionally who have CERT credentials provided free through the LAFD, improving preparedness and response for the families and neighbors of each of the leaders

- V. LAFD presentation
 1. In a true disaster, civilians may require prolonged independence in managing their emergency needs, as city resources will go towards greatest good for greatest number.
 2. Discussion of generators. City does not provide emergency generators for individuals.
 3. Discussion of pool pumps for fire preparedness.
 4. Discussion of that LAFD does not provide specific recommendations to individuals about emergency preparedness, but stated that there are internet resources for this.
 5. Pancake Breakfast for Community Meet and Greet May 22 (wish list and donations also accepted).