



**San Pedro Neighborhood Councils  
Committee on Port Security & Safety  
Meeting AGENDA**  
Date: Tuesday, 7/25/06 6:00pm  
PORT COMPLEX (Boys & Girls Club)  
100 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA 90731  
[www.sanpedrocity.org](http://www.sanpedrocity.org) (See COPSS)

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The Committee on Port Safety & Security (C.O.P.S.S) has unified five Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and concerned community organizations with a single mission to ensure the safety of those who live and work in or near the Ports of Los Angeles.

The Committee's goals are to: Research what has been done, what is being done, and what needs to be done to secure the Ports and safeguard the community; assist in the dissemination of this information to Harbor Area Stakeholders; promote accountability for safety and security among Port Management, City, County, State and Federal governmental bodies; create a sense of urgency by all concerned that this issue is a high priority to all Harbor Area Stakeholders

- Approval of 6/27/06 Minutes;
- Report from Taskforce assigned to determine if COPSS, the committee, should become a Non-Profit Entity: Report presented by taskforce members:
  - Mike Feyder, Harbor City NC President
  - Peter Gravett, Major General, Mayors Emergency Preparedness Taskforce, Gravett & Assoc, Inc, Homeland Security
  - Chief Lou Roupoli, LAFD
  - Tom Villiger, COPSS, Secretary
  - Carter Calhoun, local business owner
- *Welcome:* Wilmington Neighborhood Council: Motion passed to support and participate in COPSS.
- COPSS requested by Congresswoman Jane Harman to support Team Safe T, August 14<sup>th</sup> program in local Schools. Report by Chad Molnar
- Report from First Responders and Elected Officials and other participating members:
- Discussion of Community Emergency Preparedness Plan specifics:

**COPSS Goals (partial list):**

- **Implement Comprehensive Community Outreach Plan;**
  - **Coordinate and support all first responder, elected official and pertinent organization outreach plans;**
  - **Design and implement an independent multi-page web site;**
  - **Design, purchase, and distribute flyers;**
  - **Stock an inventory of emergency preparedness kits, provide free access to low income households;**
  - **Research to identify the needs and disaster preparedness of the community at large;**
  - **Prepare a comprehensive community disaster awareness and preparedness presentation;**
  - **Develop an Emergency Preparedness Handbook;**
  - **Initiate a Block by Block Campaign**
- Review of letter from Senator Barbara Boxer:

## A letter from California State Senator Barbara Boxer:

Dear Friend:

Californians know that a devastating earthquake could occur anywhere in the state at any time. And we also know that a major earthquake would cause hundreds or thousands of deaths, widespread homelessness, and massive property damage.

Although Californians are aware of these important facts, somehow the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) still do not seem to have gotten the message. Last September, I requested a copy of the FEMA disaster recovery plan for California. After several months, I was disappointed to receive a general reply outlining the things that might happen following a generic disaster.

Recently, following a new report from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography on the geologic stress that is present especially along the southern portions of the San Andreas Fault -- and the likelihood that a major earthquake is, in fact, overdue -- I again asked for a detailed plan for actions that would follow an earthquake. In a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, I have again requested a plan specific to California on the steps that would be taken in the immediate aftermath of an earthquake to respond to widespread destruction. Sadly, it appears that little has changed at FEMA in the year following Hurricane Katrina. The agency appears to be woefully unprepared for an earthquake of major magnitude and the devastation that would follow in California. You can count on me to continue to demand a substantive plan that is designed to keep Californians safe in the days following an earthquake.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

- **Next meeting date: 8/22/06**