

	Committee on Port Security & Safety (COPSS) Meeting Minutes Date: 1/18//05, 6:00pm CSPNC Empowerment Zone 381. W. 7th Street San Pedro, CA 90731		
Chair:		Lonna Calhoun	
Committee Members:	CSPNC: Ray Burch, Sue Castillo, Linda Grimes, Dan Pasley, Sal Pardo, Tom Villager, Joe Gatlin, David Beeman NWSPNC: Esther Ek, Carlos Garcia Coastal SPNC: Chuck Hawley, David Kooper		
Attendees:	Ray Burch, Sue Castillo, Dan Pasley, Lonna Calhoun, Chuck Hawley, David Kooper		

- Review of Minutes 12/3/04 COPPS meeting.
- A proposed presentation by David Beeman was postponed due to scheduling conflicts. He will reschedule his report on the meeting of the ILWU Tri-Party (Local 63, Clerks, 94, Foreman, 13, Long shore) with the Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Authorities and relate the issues regarding port security. David is the Benefits Officer for ILWU Local 13.
- Resolution of approval of COPSS Mission Plan: The committee discussed the progress of getting the resolution voted on by all Harbor area councils. The current status is:
 - Passed by Northwest Neighborhood Council
 - Passed by Central SPNC
 - On agenda for discussion in Wilmington on 1/26/05 Sue Castillo will attend (President – Toni O’Donnel)
 - On Agenda for Coastal –(David Kooper, President), Will bring issue up in committee on 1/31 and they have committee suggest approval.
 - On Agenda for Harbor – Mike Feyder, President, Mike is very confident of approval
- The committee discussed the results of the city forum to promote City proposal for ½ cent sales tax increase to fund police, fire and intervention safety needs and how it related to our committee. Committee members discussed police department communication issues in light of 911 and the Homeland Security findings.
 - Note: Of interest there is still insufficient ability for coordinated communication ability between LA Police and Fire Departments
 - Chuck Hawley, former Harbor police officer enlightened the committee on the communication system that is in place. It is functional if not completely updated to 911 Commission standards.
- Lonna reported on her conversations conducted with Pat Gannon, Captain LAPD regarding status of community evacuation and emergency planning and update the committee on other conversations conducted in regards to COPSS.
- The committee discussed members’ suggestions regarding people and organizations to resource for future presentations and information gathering. The COPSS resource list was expanded.

- Several pertinent articles pertaining to Port security were reviewed by the committee. Consistent throughout the United States is the lack of forthcoming federal homeland security funding for port security
- The committee evaluated the progress from last meeting and discussed the future direction.
 - We are working toward our goals and this meeting included two new participants from the Coastal NC, Chuck Hawley, David Kooper. This was a positive step forward towards reaching our goal of having a representative from each council. We now have 3 of 5 councils participating.
 - We discussed some of our previous goals of pushing for a written emergency and evacuation plan in the hands of all area stakeholders. It was determined that the verbiage of including “evacuation” may be misleading because according to Hawley in about 90% of the potential emergencies the best approach is to stay put. However, even this information should be shared with stakeholders. Hawley shared with the committee a flyer produced by the City of LA, Emergency Preparedness Dept., EPD. www.lacity.org/epd/pdf/pocketguide.pdf. While it is a start it is not specific to our area nor is it as complete as we would like to see. Even so we should make this information available to the stakeholders.
 - Lot’s to do! Can we get our websites coordinated and possible have a special section devoted to emergency issues? Some joint website production was discussed.
- A change of meeting time was discussed: The scheduled date of the 3rd Tuesday of the month for the COPSS meeting is in direct conflict with an important PCAC meeting. Several potential dates for the COPSS meeting were discussed. It was left that Lonna would review the calendar, resource members and suggest a new meeting date. She will email an alternative date ASAP.
- Determine action items and duty list: Committee members left with an action item list:
 - Lonna will contact Chad Milnar to open discussions
 - Chuck Hawley will contact EPD to get more information regarding emergency plans
 - David Kooper will contact Sergio Carrillo to advise of COPSS mission
 - Sue Castillo will assist in getting meetings published and on the calendar
 - Dan Pasley will resource ILWU and discuss funding for a forum or other COPSS needs.
 - Committee goal to have a presentation planned for the March meeting
 - One suggestion: Talk to Jane Harmon to get rep to give presentation
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Lonna Calhoun, Chair