

## **C.O.P.S.S. Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2006**

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**Review of Minute Highlights Since October 04 to the Present.** Lonna provided the Committee with special highlights of the last 15 meetings. These highlights did reflect that the Committee is on track with it's Mission and Goals. Thus, COPSS has unified neighborhood councils in supporting the process of achieving greater safety in and near the Port of LA. COPSS has brought in key public officials to inventory current safety strategies and to cooperate with these authorities in developing a more comprehensive emergency preparedness plan. COPSS participated in developing an emergency preparedness brochure, sponsored a 9/11 Port Security Forum at the Warner Grand, developed a website with a comprehensive list of emergency links, and was represented on a Port Evacuation, Recovery & Reconstitution Workshop, the Area Maritime Security Committee, and a KCET special on Port Evacuation (excellent video which could be used with community groups).

### **Set New COPSS 2006 Goals Based on the Review of 2004/05**

***Overall Goal for 2006 is to involve families in Wilmington and San Pedro in emergency preparedness.***

#### ***Activities to Achieve this Goal include...***

*More aggressive **involvement of neighborhood councils** and to reach out especially to Wilmington NC (by Jacob Haik) which has not been involved.*

*More determined **outreach to local media** to have them partner with COPSS in continued public information programs on emergency preparedness. (Lonna is contacting several news outlets and cable stations prior to the Feb mtg)*

*More effectively utilize **current hard copy resources** such as the brochure (78,000 distributed by the Port of LA and additional copies are available); and newspapers like the Daily Breeze (which has on three occasions included an excellent full page listing of all the key supplies needed in the home for an emergency),utilize church bulletins and use NC quarterly newsletters mailed to all residences and focus a emergency resources.(Reporters will be invited to future meetings)*

*Establish a **Resource Data Base** to identify written resources, emergency preparedness training programs (use map to identify training sites), public speakers, neighborhood watches, model neighborhoods of preparedness, email lists from NC's and other roups, resource sites...like Red Cross, prepared Churches, Social Service providers, law enforcement, schools, homeowner associations, etc., emergency notification resources like sirens, signage, mobile public address systems, ham radio operators; information on where to obtain emergency supplies/kits (for home and car), information on under served neighborhoods such as Spanish speaking neighborhoods, information on potential staging sites in an emergency such schools or other pubic buildings or churches, etc. (COPSS will work on the resource data bank which may require a COPSS Resource Coordinator)*

**Special Issues**....there are a multiple of possible emergency situations from earthquakes to a terrorist attacks. Each type of situation may require a different emergency plan. The Area Maritime Security Committee and various special committees are working on plans for various types of emergencies. Currently special attention is being given to evacuation alternatives and a draft report may be available in February. It is possible that there will be a directory of emergency plans which will have common elements and unique elements based on the type of emergency. Since law enforcement will not have enough resources, COPSS must effectively involve and empower families, associations, and other entities to take responsibility for advance preparation (for a 3 day emergency) and actual emergencies. Also, COPSS should be linked to other LA City wide activities such as the citywide neighborhood council group that Pat Herrera Duran is chairing and LEARRS...Los Angeles Emergency Amateur Radio Response System..Kim Alger.(Lonna will invite these two reps to the Feb meeting)

**Immediate Next Steps**...get Wilmington Involved in COPSS, Invite media types to the February COPSS meeting, Identify specific CERT and other Emergency Training Sites, dates/times and content and make public (Port of LA, Homeland Security Office has offered to expand their assistance in training and Public Information), get media to begin writing emergency preparedness articles, begin to establish a resource data base, and set forth other specific tasks, responsible persons and timelines.

**Next Meeting February 28th at 6 PM**