

## C.O.P.S.S. Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2006

**PRESENT:** Lonna Calhoun, Chair Central SPNC 833-6008, Norma Acosta, Central SPNC 938-5516, George Cummings 732-3474, POLA, Pat Herrera Duran, NCEP Task Force 831-5202 [dakotahpat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dakotahpat@sbcglobal.net), Linda Finley, CentralSPNC 547-5226 [jaclin1@pacbell.net](mailto:jaclin1@pacbell.net), Chuck Hawley, Coastal SPNC, 377-3489, Tony Migliorini 732-2092 [anthony.r.migliorini@uscg.mil](mailto:anthony.r.migliorini@uscg.mil) Pat Nave 831-1975, Richard Smith RPVEPC 265-9797, Robert Teramura LAPD 233-4916, Tony Torres, Beacon House 514-4940, Tom Villiger Central SPNC 521-8117, Ed Vincent SP Arts, 377-3489,

**HAM RADIO** training was discussed as a communication resource for neighborhoods in an emergency. Jim Alger was unable to be present to discuss the Los Angeles Emergency Amateur Radio Response System. Pat reported that she will invite Horace Penman to our next meeting to discuss Ham Radio and other communication strategies. There is the Can Do Program in the Mayor's Office related to this issue. Also, Ham operators may still be meeting regularly at Angel's Gate.

**LONNA REPORTED MEETINGS** with City officials included 2/3/06 in Janice Hahn's office in which they offered to develop a plan to involve faith based, homeowners groups, and others in emergency planning and leadership. On 2/6/06 there was a meeting of the Neighborhood Councils on Emergency Preparedness \*, Lonna met with the mayor's staff on 2/7/06 and updated them on COPSS and they will link our group with their new citywide emergency preparedness committee. On 2/9/06 there was the AMSC Quarterly Meeting and they are developing a matrix for E. communication and evacuation.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Pat Herrera Duran, Chair, said there are 26 NC's represented on the task force and they are meeting to identify "city needs" and "people needs" They are working with DONE, the City Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Mayor's Office. The new developing Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be a resource for emergency planning and communication and the next citywide meeting of Neighborhood Councils will include a workshop on emergency planning and preparation. Lonna requested the **email lists** of these Councils and DONE to add to our inventory of resources. Chuck recommended that the **NC's receive information on current CERT training**. It was also suggested that **COPSS website and links** be made available to NC's. Pat agreed to keep COPSS posted on the citywide NC Task Force actions.

**EMERGENCY PREP TRAINING** George advised that Longshoremen are going through LAFD CERT training. Tony Torres passed out a flyer for Disaster Preparedness Training via the LAFD and Beacon House...starting March 15th at 6PM for 7 weeks at The Vets Bldg, 411 W. 10th St.

**FUNDS** Lonna will present a budget request to the Central SPNC for funds to help cover the costs of bringing groups (faith based, NC's, school reps, etc) together to do emergency planning and prep.

**LAPD UPDATE** Robert reported that the Coast Guard has the lead in a Port emergency. FBI has the lead on a terrorism emergency. There are 73 LAPD and 14 LAFD assigned to Homeland Security. LA County will use \$170 million for emergency preparedness. The Coast Guard has nearly 300 staff to serve the POLA.

**DUBAI UPDATE** The media attention to the recent announcement of the DUBAI government running some terminal operations at some US Ports set off a firestorm of controversy. This does not directly impact POLA which is City run. Ports lease parts of their facilities to various companies many of which are foreign. The lease agreements require security plans and

staff. One question will be 'who does DUBAI plan to hire to perform the security?' The U.S. Customs plays a major security role in inspections of port cargo activity in the U.S. and in foreign ports, but it is not enough given the increase in cargo transactions.

**NEXT STEPS** At the last meeting an overall goal was set to involve families in Wilmington and San Pedro in emergency preparedness and it was recommended in today's meeting that we move forward with the activities discussed on January 24th. In addition, we need to develop an outreach and training plan, identify Safe Gathering Areas (like Parks, Schools, etc.), work with the City on Staging Areas for the Red Cross (Angel's Gate may still have a large storage area with supplies), and work with the City on getting volunteers involved now. We need to stress CERT training and Norma will work with her Church group to begin the process in a faith based setting. We need to work with LAPD, POLA, etc on supporting their staff on securing federal port security grants/funds for various community emergency planning and prep activities.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 28th at 6 PM at the Boys & Girls Club...POLA Bldg.**