

Committee on Port Safety & Security, COPSS MINUTES 4-25-06

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PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION: Rob Simpson of Rep Betty Karnette's office passed out the latest versions of Assembly Bills 2274 & 2237. These bills focus on emergency preparedness and strengthen collaborative planning. They include changes recommended from the last C.O.P.S.S meeting. The Central SPNC did send Karnette's Office a support letter for this legislation.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES: The Area Maritime Security Committee will be meeting this week to review the draft Emergency Response Matrix which includes evacuation options. There is an Amateur Radio Club which meets at the Maritime Museum and there is also one at Angel's Gate....these would be communication resources to involve in our planning. **Mike will get Lonna contact info and she will follow up on these Ham Radio sources.** We need to involve the LAFD in our planning. **Robert Teramura will contact LAFD to try and secure representation.** The Mayor's Office is working on obtaining an Emergency Preparedness grant to be linked to those neighborhood councils that our now working on Emergency Preparedness and those who are ready to begin working on emergency preparedness. Lonna asked Ana Bozic of Hahn's office if they could provide contact info of groups they are working with in order for C.O.P.S.S to have a beginning list of individuals and groups to work with on emergency preparedness. **Ana will check to see what is available in their office which could be used for this purpose. Patricia offered to provide her contact information and also see whether the Deputy Mayor linked to emergency preparedness could attend the May 23rd C.O.P.S.S. meeting.** The Port of LA will maintain continuous CERT Training classes as long as there are interested participants. The POLA is also willing to help C.O.P.S.S in other ways to encourage neighborhood involvement.

CRITICAL NEED TO INVOLVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS: There was considerable discussion about neighborhood councils as a primary vehicle to outreach into the community to involve and educate neighbors on emergency preparedness. The Harbor Area NC Chairs need to get involved in the May C.O.P.S.S meeting to help strategize the next steps including how they will involve their Councils. **Ana will meet with the three San Pedro NC Chairs and urge their strong commitment to this initiative.** George repeated his earlier recommendations that the NC's need to come together to begin carrying the ball and design a specific list of objectives, tasks, and assignments. The overall goal is to work towards preparing every family for a community emergency. **Lonna said she would draft some possible goals. The group suggested that the May 23rd C.O.P.S.S. meeting be devoted to reaching consensus on the goals, formulating objectives, tasks and assignments.** It may help to picture a map and a disaster event and then say "what do we need to have in place to maximize our preparedness for this disaster?" **Lonna will email the members and NC Presidents a Discussion/Action Planning process for May 23rd.**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 23rd at 6 PM