



**COMMITTEE ON PORT SAFETY & SECURITY
MEETING MINUTES 5/23/06**

Meeting Attendees:

Chair, Lonna Calhoun

Attendees: Carter Calhoun, George Cummings, Captain Paul Wiedenhoeft, USCG, AMSC, Tony Curry, USCG, Toni Miglinori, USGC, Captain Joan McNamara, LAFD, Sergeant Robert Teramura, LAPD, Chief Lou Roupoli, LAFD, Mike Graychick, Chad Molnar, Bernadette Dupre, Connie Rutter, Gilbert Espinosa, Dean Pentchelf, Molly Campbell, Chuck Hawley, Bruce Horton, Mike Feyder, Chris Meyer, Ana Bozic, , Mary Hamilton, Lucia Moreno-Linares, Robert Borden, George Thompson, Sue Castillo, Joe Gatlin, Robert Gelfand, John Stammert, Jan Olsen, Catherine Plows, LAPD, Chris Yams, Scott Engedal, Esther Stormer, Scott Carter, Leri Breehner, Rob Simpson

Comprehensive Power Point Presentation by Lonna gave on-going and new participants information about the Mission, Goals, COPSS progress, Potential High Risk Emergencies for the South Bay, Community Needs in Preparing for an Emergency, Our existing community Resources, Our community Needs, and how to make emergency preparedness happen and followed this outline:

1. REVIEW MISSION AND GOALS OF COPSS:

Mission Statement:

COPSS will unify all 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 Port of Los Angeles.

Committee Goals:

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

2. COPSS PROGRESS REPORT, May 2006

- United 4 Neighborhood Councils, San Pedro, Coastal, Central, Northwest, & Harbor City (Wilmington to vote in June)
- Established relationships with AMSC, LAPD, LAFD, Port Police, USCG, Elected Officials, Businesses, Concerned Stakeholders, Etc.
- Outlined and Modified Community Goals
- Active involvement in Evacuation Planning workshops
- Online presence established at www.sanpedrocity.org
- Organize collaborative Strategic Taskforce

3. WHAT THE RESEARCH INDICATES:

- The South Bay Area has several High Risk Factors
 - High Priority Terrorist Target
 - Earthquakes
 - Toxic Environmental Disasters
 - Explosions
 - Tsunami

4. WHAT ARE OUR EVACUATION CHALLENGES/OPTIONS?

5. WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY NEEDS:

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
 - Reliable Notification System (*e.g.: sirens*)
 - Organized and Reliable Communication
 - Stored Supplies
 - Pre-Determined Staging Areas
 - Community Education
 - Emergency Disaster and Evacuation Drills
 - Home Preparedness Kits “*Stock up for Safety*”
 - Community Campaign for “*Shelter in Place*”
 - Organized Human Resources
 - CERT List
 - Block Captains
 - Medical Professionals
 - Ham Operators
 - Faith Based Community, Schools, PTA’s, Business, Non-Profits, Homeowners Assoc., Neighborhood Watch, Commerce, Hospitals & Medical Facilities

6. WHAT AND WHO ARE OUR RESOURCES?

- LAPD
- LAFD
- AMSC
- USCG
- POLA Homeland Security Dept.
- Port Police
- Neighborhood Councils
- Elected Officials
- San Pedro Chamber
- Commerce
- Unions
- Community Entities
- Stakeholders
- Media

7. WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?

- MONEY
- MANPOWER
- METHODOLOGY
- MOTIVATORS

8. HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?

- Mobilize Our Resources:
 - What do we need?
 - How do we get it?
 - Who coordinates?
 - Who does what?
 - What’s Our Timeline?
 - What’s Our Next Step?
 - **Action List**

Presentations:

Captain Joan Mc Namara:

Captain Mc Namara discussed the goals of LAPD in preparing a more comprehensive plan to integrate, utilize and resource the community in the role of emergency preparation. While LAPD has been working on the plan and is fully committed to it it is about 6 months away from completion. Captain Mc Namara fielded questions from the meeting participants regarding emergency needs. In the area of evacuation she asked Sergeant Robert Teramura to give an update.

Sergeant Bob Teramura:

Who is the key evacuation planner for LAPD explained that an Evacuation Plan for review may be available in about four weeks and will be perhaps operational in six months.

Captain Paul Wiedenhoft, USCG and Commander of the Port, Chair, Area Maritime Security Committee, AMSC:

Captain Wiedenhoft explained the role of the AMSC and the state of security at the Port. As he explained the AMSC is coordinating very well at the upper levels of first responder organizations but there is a gap in community preparedness.

Chief Lou Roupoli, LAFD:

The Chief explained the role of the LAFD in emergency planning. He complimented the community on its character and resources and commented that he knew that in the event of a disaster we would pull together. He cautioned against panic and proposed preparation especially the CERT training which is being promoted to the ILWU and community.

Notes were recorded based on public comment and included:

One question was posed to the panel asking if COPSS was the group they looked to for as the stakeholder liaison. The answer was yes because it was involved in the AMSC and also a joint committee of the Neighborhood Councils and the most proactive group who was able to organize the first responder organizations, neighborhood councils and elected officials in one forum.

One attendee was disappointed that the panel was not able to give more specific evacuation information and completed plans.

Other comments include:

Public Role in Preparation for an Emergency...

- Utilize churches, schools, social institutions, etc. to gather, inform and mobilize the public.
- Continue marketing the public with information about CERT Training through the Port of LA 732-3470 or the LA Fire Dept. LAFD.ORG
- Develop Block Captains to begin organizing neighbors
- Develop sample emergency supply kits for families
- Consider emergency supply locations...grocery and hardware stores
- Develop plans with local hospitals to link neighbors with medical services and information in the event of an emergency.
- Arrange for First Aid Classes
- Continue to expand communication links...ham radio operators, law enforcement, media, etc.
- Develop incentives to reward neighborhood and family preparedness
- Involve all of the business community in getting support and involvement
- Utilize CERT trained folks to reach out to neighborhoods and provide CERT with pamphlets, etc.
- Generate funding for costs related to supplies, media publicity, etc.
- Continue to work on the Evacuation strategies including traffic control

Written Report of other points provided by an unnamed source....

- Need for foam sprayers placed at strategic locations in ports...water & land.
- Support/safety lines for all gantry cranes for any type of emergency.
- Ventilation ports for containers to facilitate the use of drug sniffing dogs.
- Use emergency vehicles and boats in training the public and discuss how these resources would be used in an emergency.

- Emergency Operational Centers must be protected by military, police, and homeland security reps.
- Move Hazmat facilities to the Maersk terminal
- Develop more smart crosswalks
- Plan in advance for fresh water supplies and generators for emergency electrical operations.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 6:00 PM. Port Complex
(Boys & Girls Club) 100 W. 5th St., San Pedro, CA 90731**

Respectfully submitted by: Tom Villigar and Connie Rutter