

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

In attendance were:

Vice Chairperson Miller
Commissioner Leap

This meeting was chaired by Commissioner Miller, Vice Chair. This meeting did not have a quorum; therefore, no action was taken on items.

The Commission excused Commissioners Manning, Milliman, Osby, Perett, and Stanley.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

The audience made self-introductions.

3. ACTION ON JULY 13 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

This was deferred.

4. PRESENTATIONS: "CHALLENGES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS IN THE GULF COAST"

* Jim Eads
Chief of Disaster Response Teams
Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency

* Bryan Hanley
OES Region One Medical & Health Mutual Aid Coordinator
Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency

OVERVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM'S 2006 PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

* Joyce Harris, ESP Coordinator
Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management

Mr. Eads' and Mr. Hanley's presentations covered the challenges presented to the Los Angeles County Disaster Medical Assistant Team, DMAT CA-9 and Orange County DMAT CA-1. DMATs are Federal medical and health response teams.

Hurricane Katrina left 91,000 square miles of destruction. The teams were faced with issues such as: medical fragile and dependent victims, command and control, communication, and safety. There was no unified command system or infrastructure in place in the Gulf Coast. Disaster responders did not have a clear understanding of

their mission, the magnitude and of the disaster, unanticipated issues, and what resources were available. This created medical, mental, and public health issues. DMAT teams are normally deployed for 10 to 14 days. The teams were rotated out after 7 days due to the anxiety and stress.

In Southern California we have benefited from practicing and including the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) in our emergency plans and exercises. Although the teams were deployed in different locations in the Gulf Coast, the concerns and challenges were similar.

The major challenge in the hurricane region was the lack of command and control. Command and control is important, especially when establishing care and shelter. Preplanning helps everyone know their mission and provides a clear understanding where they fit within the plan. The ability to verify and identify responders is essential during a disaster. Force protection and understanding lock down plans and procedures is necessary for everyone's safety. Recommendations are to continue operating under SEMS and ICS, attend public health disaster preplanning meetings, and implement forced protection for everyone's safety.

There were many difficult challenges but the DMATs accomplished their job.

Ms. Harris gave an overview of the Emergency Survival Program (ESP) which was developed in 1988 by the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to help prepare the public for earthquakes. What was originally started as a one-year program, has evolved into a 15 county region-wide campaign chaired by Los Angeles County.

The ESP Coordinating Council includes representatives from the Governor's Office Emergency Services, Southern California Edison, Southern California Earthquake Center, the American Red Cross, and emergency managers from 15 counties. ESP provides easy monthly preparedness steps year round, the camera-ready materials for duplication, it can be incorporated into existing emergency plans or training, and is a low-cost means of preparing the public for disasters. ESP is in India, Israel, Japan, Australia, Argentina, Canada and England and in numerous States.

The 2006 campaign theme is "Reduce your Risk in 2006". The focus is on earthquake preparedness and terrorism. This year is the 100th year anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. The year's campaign started with lessons learned from the 1906 earthquake and the September 11, 2001 terrorism attack. ESP can be used by adults and children, public or private groups, government agencies, schools and businesses. The program has received local, national, and international awards over the years. To be an ESP member, visit www.espfocus.org or contact Ms. Harris at (323) 980-2267.

ESP and the County Office of Emergency Management's goal is "Be prepared today but even more prepared tomorrow".

(A more detailed summary of the presentations is being prepared under separate cover.)

5. SUMMARY REPORTS OF THE JANUARY 11 PRESENTATIONS ON CHALLENGES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS IN THE GULF COAST AND OVERVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM'S 2006 PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

This item was deferred.

6. EPC 2006 WORKPLAN

This item was deferred.

7. EPC RECOGNITION LUNCHEON FISCAL CLOSEOUT REPORT

Carla Mahler reported ninety-three participants attended the Recognition luncheon on December 14, 2005. Twenty honorees were invited guests. Everyone enjoyed the program. Thanks and appreciation to the Recognition Committee, Commissioner Leap and Sergeant Vincent for providing the photographer.

8. EPC YEAR-END FISCAL REPORT

Ms. Mahler informed the Commissioners that the EPC fund report is in their packets for review.

9. EPC SEMINAR REPORT

This item was deferred.

10. EPC AD HOC COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

This item was deferred.

11. EPC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Commissioner Miller thanked the City of Glendale for hosting the Commission meeting. The next meeting is February 8.

12. EPC STAFF REPORT

Ms. Mahler reminded the commissioner that a 2005 year-end committee report for each committee is due and to review their folders.. Thanks to Captain Frawley for hosting the EPC meeting and providing the morning refreshments.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

None.

15. MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AND (IF REQUESTED) PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

None.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

17. The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on any item of interest to the public, before or during the Commission's consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please notify the Staff Assistant who will forward your request to the Chair. If you wish, you can also address the Commission on an item not listed on the agenda.

19. ADJOURN: The next EPC meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 8, 2006 at the City of Glendale, Council Chambers, 613 East Broadway, Second Floor.** Please call Carla Mahler, EPC Staff Assistant, at (323) 980-2262 for additional information.

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