

Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 18, 2024

Attendance: Jacob Anderson (Chair), Aaron Reynolds (Vice Chair), Jim Cook, Rick Anderson, Doug Emerick, Carol Paschal, Dana Stirn, Paul Oppenheim, Jeremy Kamel.

Absent – Phil Ronning.

1. Call to order at 6:36 PM
2. Purpose and background of committee

Draft purpose based on discussion:

- ☐ Ensuring each islander is prepared for natural disasters and accounted for in case of a disaster.
- ☐ Establishing block captain/area managers for full island coverage and providing ongoing education and training for these volunteers.
- ☐ Facilitating multi-organizational collaboration and planning for states of emergency.

Three levels of Preparation:

- Individual: Be personally prepared (go bag, home stockpile of supplies)
- Group: Block captains/area managers to train people in their area, confirm people have fulfilled individual items (10-20 households each, FRS walkie talkies)
- Organizational/Structural: How to connect everyone together across the island
→ Dovetails with the county plan

3. Committee Goals

a. For the meeting

- i. Introductions
- ii. Identify purpose(s) of the committee
- iii. Determine goals for next meeting

b. By next meeting

- i. Rick setting up a presentation by Scott James, author of Prepared Neighborhoods. Public, likely at Archival Building, generate community interest and involvement, large map of the island so Area Managers could volunteer for their areas. Rick will propose dates within next month but we don't know Scott's schedule
- ii. Brainstorm potential Area Managers
- iii. Read Prepared Neighborhoods
- iv. Read County's Draft Evacuation Plan for Island (Jacob to distribute link)
- v. Fire Department continues to publicize ways for individuals to stay safe.
 - a. Supply list
 - b. PC Alert
 - c. Safety Fair

- vi. Rick to explore using Quality of Life Funds to purchase Radios for island-wide distribution. Explore costs and possible grants available for this
- vii. Organizational – TBD

4. Timeline

- a. No long-term timeline for committee determined at this time.

5. Meeting frequency

- a. Monthly, Mondays. Next meeting 6:30 PM on August 12th.

6. Open discussion

County can help but local plan needs to be managed by community. Community involvement is key.

Create responsibilities for Area Managers and identify volunteers.

- 1. Educating individuals on personal preparation
- 2. Training (first aid, CPR, radio access)
- 3. Block Parties/get to know your neighbors

How to determine sub-areas / “blocks” of the island. Committee vs. county vs. proposed coverage directly from area manager volunteers.

Radio channels – island-wide vs. block areas vs. emergency channel

List of island resources:

- ☐ Hamm operators, expertise on communications (Greg).
- ☐ VIP
- ☐ Josephine Riviera Water Department/Riviera Community Club
- ☐ Oro Bay Yacht Club/Marina - Mosquito Fleet
- ☐ Tanner Electric

Natural Disasters (shelter in place vs. evacuation):

- ☐ Earthquake
- ☐ Wildfire
- ☐ Volcano/Lahar
- ☐ Combination of any of the above

Establish protocol, i.e., Roberts Rules of Order; planning sessions vs. open meetings (Charter?)

7. Appointment of members – all present appointed.

8. Adjournment 7:54 PM

