



Mar Vista Community Council



Committee on Public Safety

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at
The Windward School (Conference Room 1030)
11350 Palms Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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- **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- **Brief Introductions**
- **Public Comment and announcements** – The committee is seeking volunteers for the following positions:
 - Webmaster
 - SecretaryKalani Wittington expressed concern about the pilot program on Venice Blvd. because that street is a tsunami evacuation route.
- **Review and approval of minutes**
The minutes from 6/27/2017 were approved with no dissenting votes.
- **New Business**
 - **Emergency preparation signs and promotional material (funding motion)** – The Committee on Public Safety hereby requests that the Mar Vista Community Council appropriate \$1,500 for emergency preparation signs, promotional material, and for other related purposes.
The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.
 - **Guest speaker**
Doug Wiita, Preparedness Educator, American Red Cross – Doug Wiita is a retired attorney and veteran of the United States Marine Corps. For the past three years, Mr. Wiita has been a Red Cross volunteer. In addition to preparedness education, he is both a local and national disaster responder, a disaster client case worker, and a volunteer lead in the Red Cross International Services division.
 - The Red Cross responds to natural disasters, home fires, wildfires, etc.
 - There are two home fires every day in Los Angeles and 500 nation-wide
 - Most house fires start in the kitchen
 - Individual preparation for earthquakes does make a difference
 - In a major earthquake, Red Cross estimates are:

- i. 1,800 killed
 - ii. 53,000 injured requiring treatment
 - iii. 1,555 buildings collapsed
 - iv. \$213M in property damage
 - v. 1,600 fires
 - vi. No water or electricity for weeks or months
- Families' emergency plans must include:
 - i. A meeting place
 - ii. An out-of-town relative to serve as a central point of contact
- All must plan for:
 - i. Delays in obtaining help
 - ii. Power outages
 - iii. Road closures
 - iv. Property damage
 - v. Lack of clean water
 - vi. Living in a shelter
- Ensure that houses are bolted to the foundation
- Emergency kit essentials:
 - i. One gallon of water per person for three days
 - ii. First-aid kit
 - iii. Flashlight with extra batteries
 - iv. Whistle
 - v. Manual can opener
 - vi. Non-perishable food
 - vii. Warm clothes and shoes
 - viii. Radio
 - ix. Cash in small bills (ones and fives, \$300 total)
 - x. Work gloves
 - xi. Cell-phone charger
 - xii. Tools
 - xiii. Medications
 - xiv. Snacks
 - xv. Hygiene and sanitation items
 - xvi. Personal documents
 - xvii. Toys and games
 - xviii. Pet supplies
 - xix. Extra eyeglasses
 - xx. Pet photos, license numbers, etc.
- Make a plan:
 - i. Have a discussion with family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.
 - ii. Assign roles to family members
 - iii. Plan for two evacuation routes
 - iv. Plan for two meeting places (one outside your neighborhood)
 - v. Plan for what you'll do if away from home
- Practice:
 - i. Conduct drills (including pets)
 - ii. Periodically review kit supplies

- iii. Test smoke alarms
 - iv. Register for annual drill at www.shakeout.org
- Be informed:
 - i. Red Cross shelters broadcast on KNX1070
 - ii. Register cell phones and e-mail for reverse 911 at www.notifyla.org
 - iii. Let your family know you're safe at www.safeandwell.org
- In an earthquake:
 - i. In general:
 1. Drop, cover, and hold on
 2. Stay clear of windows and doorways
 3. Don't move until shaking stops
 - ii. If in bed:
 1. Cover head with pillow
 2. Avoid flying objects
 3. Safely evacuate when possible
 - iii. If in a car:
 1. Pull over
 2. Stop and set parking brake
- Home fires:
 - i. Get out and stay out
 - ii. Crawl low in smoke
 - iii. Feel doorknob for heat (use back of hand)
 - iv. Signal out a window if trapped
 - v. If on fire, stop, drop, and roll
 - vi. Have smoke alarms on every level (bedrooms, outside sleeping areas, and common areas) and test annually
- General information:
 - i. Red Cross emergency apps are available for IOS and Android
 - ii. Preparedness information is available at www.preparesocal.org
 - iii. Red Cross volunteer opportunities are available at www.redcrossla.org
- **Future guest presentations –**
 - August, 2017 – Sergeant Jason Veiga, Major Crimes Unit, Los Angeles Police Department
 - September, 2017 – Ashley Mikell-Norman, Communications Division, Los Angeles Police Department
 - October, 2017 – Efrain Sevilla, Self-Defense Expert
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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