



## Mar Vista Community Council



### AGENDA

#### Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

<http://marvista.org/emergency-prep.php>

**Monday, January 20, 2020, 7:00pm**

**Coffee Connection, Ramp Room Lounge  
3838 S. Centinela Ave. | Mar Vista, CA 90066**

The mission of the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee of the MVCC is to help prepare as many residences, businesses, non-profits, and neighborhoods of Mar Vista as possible to withstand a major emergency with as little property damage, personal injury, and loss of life as possible. In order to accomplish its mission, the Subcommittee will, whenever possible, partner with LA Emergency Management Department, LA Fire Department, LA Police Department, CERT Battalions, the American Red Cross, FEMA, and other emergency preparedness organizations.

1. **Welcome! Call to order. 9 stakeholders present.**
2. **Public Comment:** Ivan demonstrated a work light that costs \$35. Carl said it is also available for \$15. / **Announcements**
  - a. Upcoming events:
3. **Reading and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Kathryn moved, Christine seconded: adopted without unanimously.**
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Programing, Organizing, Scheduling Quarterly EP Events for 2020:
    - Saturday, March 28, 10:30am-12n the EPS will sponsor a program on Pet First Aid, under Rob's leadership.
      - Possible venues: Dog Bakery on Venice Blvd.; Centinela Pet and Food on Centinela (where there is lots of space). Both are appropriate venues, and the companies can give things away to participants. They can also possibly put up a tent for the event.
      - There is some question if we can have a raffle, and Christine said that she would check with Holly about this possibility and also about liability and other technicalities. (Christine said that she will also attend the Funding Program Roundtable for Neighborhood Council-sponsored events to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6-8pm, at the South LA Sports Activity Center.)
      - The program will be led by a veterinarian, and some possibilities are: Wendy Brooks from the MV Animal Hospital, who is an active blogger; a vet from the VCA (Dog Bakery). We should also invite someone from the WLA Animal Shelter.
      - The program will teach basic first aid for pets and demonstrate disaster preparedness for cats and dogs, for example, ow do you get ready for a disaster? How do you manage when looking for shelter for you and your pet? Basic first aid, including safety for both the owner and the pet. What should be included in a pet first aid kit. The leader could make use of flip

charts, and the presentation would be followed by a Q and A. We should have copies available of the FEMA brochure about pet first aid.

- May: CERT class. Carl will look into this possibility in the coming week.
- August: The EPS has been discussing sponsoring an active shooter preparedness event in advance of National Preparedness Month (September). Rob suggested instead that we sponsor two separate, stand-alone events.
  - The first event would focus on self-defense and situational awareness and could be for both kids and adults and bilingual.
    - ✓ Possible leaders of this event: 1) Paul McCarthy, who is trained in MMA and does a lot of training at UCLA. (His nickname is the “British Ninja”. He taught a self-defense class for kids at MV Park a few years ago.) McCarthy would charge \$200 or so, depending on the number of instructors needed (the other instructors would be his trainees). 2) Damien Newton: his wife and daughter are both blackbelts in karate. We could consult with him about other possible martial arts instructors.
    - ✓ The event would probably best be held at MV Rec Center, because they have mats, or at a local karate studio.
  - The second event would be held later and would focus on dealing with an active shooter.
- November: A Disaster Survival Seminar was discussed as the November training event. Even though there is personal safety (Israeli self-defense) event in the planning stage for that time period sponsored by the Westside Village Homeowners Association, we still could hold the event and publicize it with Halloween kinds of images and ideas. Sunday, October 18, is available at the MV Farmers Market for publicity purposes. Members felt that Sunday is the best day for a Disaster Survival Seminar, and possible venues include St. Bede’s Church and the MV Rec Center.
- b. Pamphlet for Emergency Preparedness in Mar Vista or a 1 page schedule of events. Kathryn asked us to send items to her, and she will produce a sample tri-fold brochure and will print 100 copies; we can test the concept. Christine will send Bill’s material to Kathryn. Carl reminded members to order FEMA brochures for us to distribute.
- c. RYLAN/Map Your Neighborhood will be a topic at the next LAPD Block Captain Meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6:30 pm, Pacific Division Station, Culver Blvd. and Centinela Ave. Block captains could do RYLAN, but they need to be motivated in a very local way, and they should be recruited and promoted on our website or via handouts. The Outreach Committee also wants to distribute materials to block captains, although these materials will not necessarily have anything to do with emergency preparedness.

## 5. New Business

- a. How To Use Funds (\$1,000) Requested from MVCC Board of Directors: \$300 March, \$700 May.
- b. Suggestions for Prioritizing Quarterly Activities: Bill Pope.
  - Bill distributed a handout displaying topics about which we’ve had discussion, along with potential topics/events for the committee to discuss. The areas included Crime Prevention, Criminal Apprehension, and Crime Survival. “Walk

with a Cop” was discussed and determined that it should be a stand-alone event. This event has a police officer walk with your neighbors in your neighborhood, pointing out weak areas of homes that attackers will use to gain access. Prevention is best with audible alarms, outside lights, cameras (placed properly), and high fences.

- It was also discussed and determined that the “criminal” topic events are better suited for the Public Health & Safety Committee meetings instead of the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee, which should focus more on the “Fire Department” areas of expertise than the “Police Department” areas of expertise. The Public Health & Safety Chair and the Outreach Chair both attended the meeting and committed to working together to publicize the new criminality portion (as well as other trainings) that will take place within the Public Health & Safety Committee.

## 5. Administrative Motions

## 6. Funding Motions

## 7. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Ms. Wheeler made the motion, it was seconded by Mr. Ginsberg. There was no objection.

## 9. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

- 1) A radio check-in for this side of the 405: Phil and Rob will come up with a plan for next meeting. We could engage block captains or anybody and put it in an eblast, and we could also have a class taught at the MV Rec Center: FRS 101. MV has a wealth of expertise in this area.
- 2) Phil will bring materials to next meeting about a training event through the Neighborhood Team Program that WVHA will offer. It will include radio (drill), general preparedness, first aid, and one other component.

## 10. Next Meeting: Monday, February 17, 7pm

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