

Emergency Preparedness Committee Minutes
Wednesday April 10, 2013
Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse on Claray

Present:	Chuck Maginnis	(chair)
	Irene Sandler	(Bel Air Crest)
	Rick Cole	(Bel Air Crest)
	Patricia Bell Hearst	(Brentwood Resident)
	Buddy Jolton	(Casiano Estates)
	Candy Mintz	(Casiano Estates)
	Joanna Kerman	(Doheny north of Sunset)
	Chi Bader	(Doheny north of Sunset)
	Bill Kabaker	(Bel Air Ridge)
	Larry Leisten	(Bel Air Glen HOA)
	Dan Palmer	(Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc.)
	Hildreth Simmons	(Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc.)

Introduction of all attendees & comments:

- Patricia lives in Brentwood and was gracious to help with the minutes
- Rick Cole is the operations manager responsible for emergency preparedness (EP) amongst other things at BA Crest
- Joanna & Chi are friends and both concerned about EP; Chi has 5 yr old quadruplets and practiced EP drills as she home schools her kids; EP outreach notice brought them here; Patricia suggested they get a group together to become an HOA and contact Federation of Hillside & Canyon Assoc. for assistance; they have trouble meeting their neighbor but it has to start somewhere –mailboxes or coffee meeting introduction
- Buddy is Secretary on the Casiano Estate board
- Dan in on EP for Residents of Bev Glen, Inc. working on wireless coverage through hand held 2-way radios which will be solar powered 24/7 covering all Bev Glenn residents through repeaters which also reach fire stations 71 at Sunset and 99 at Mulholland; no license since commercial grade radio like a construction site for \$200 or less per handset; this would allow for coverage without needing line of sight like CB radios.
- Chuck shared that the purpose of the committee is to share information amongst the HOA members for new ideas and everyone's advantage in preparing for emergencies and for our general safety

Approval of minutes:

- Larry motioned, minutes approved

Bill Kabaker of Precise Landscape, - presented Emergency Sprinkler-

- map irrigation locations at BA Ridge for each value to remotely access in event of fire; high risk areas are of importance

-uses a smart controller which Bill demonstrated by calling the unit to access it to help control fire; Controllers vary in price but this one was around \$800; Works off a cellular connection; there is another apparatus that can attach to a fire hydrant to allow access to water supply with approval of the fire dept.

Satellite Phones –

-Chuck mentioned that Steve Twining was championing this and Satellite phones have applications for HOA's to use for emergencies as there are no local lines or cell towers needed. These phones could be used to communicate with other HOA's, 911, out of state contacts for residents and many other uses.
-BABCNC is weighing the merits of purchasing the phones for HOA's interested in having the phones and paying the \$25-40 monthly fee. Cost of the phones is in the \$350-400 range.

Bel Air Crest, Rick Cole presenter –

-Satellite phones are great for an HOA in isolated areas; to get medical supplies, reach others
-he put together a program for their homeowners
-prepared for 4 weeks –with resources
-no water or food for individual families –they take care of themselves
-provide a command center, communications, first aid supplies, triage area
-have block captains (which have kits) -14 block captains with 26 homes max each, color coded maps for their 1500 homes
- first test run on a drill for block captains expected to show plenty of room for improvement
-water truck with new tank with 2000 gallons which would last 45 minutes, fire dept trucks only hold 500 gallons of water so they help LAFD's in providing water to them if a fire is nearby
-there are 2 search and rescue teams with red flags to other types for assessment of block captains
-Command center (is an arsenal) which would be on tennis courts has: external tent with barbecue pits, generator, computer, extension cords, lights, heat lamps (like for parties), important phone numbers, axes, cutting saws for downed building, DC to AC connection for power (requires autos), 18-20 phones for block captains, sleeping bags, air mattresses, portable potty's, chain saws, heart defibrillator, oxygen tank, a turnoff valve to community 65 gallon water tank, ability to shut down water back flows to avoid contamination of water and use captured water supply (in underground lines) for other needs, animal needs via separate tennis court and they are considering a scooter to canvas locations for assessment or medical emergency. They have a metal shed to store all of this and water truck nearby.
- Rick suggested if electrical outage to note breakers off before turning them back on, to avoid fire.
-An 800 number is available for callers to get an up to date message from the command post (pretty neat idea) and their emergency notification system is through Database Systems Corp in Arizona which is away from So Calif and most earthquakes.
-Larry discussed auto gas shutoff valves and their benefits and how it's a city ordinance when selling a house
- Rick's presentation (with pictures) received praise and applause
- Chuck commented that BA Crest is loaded with supplies as BA Ridge is loaded with communications via CB radios, and that all HOA's can learn from each other. BA Crest's plan noted above is truly a model for other HOAs.

-Larry and Patricia discussed brush clearance and the best way to control nearby areas is to call the fire inspector for your area

Emergency notification discussion –

-Chuck discussed Message Broadcast in Newport Beach who has a self service pay-it- forward option which is in \$25 increments for half minute voice messages at 4 cents per message sent and received by the recipient. He suggested making a motion to the BABCNC to try it with \$25 -50 and administer a test runs to see how user friendly it is to load with email addresses and numbers, how it works and what the online billing looks like. The dilemma with notification is a judgment call as to pulling the trigger when recipients are sleeping for the large BABCNC area. Approval from recipients other than BABCNC (if approved) is needed prior to placing this into active operation.

-Chuck explained that reverse 911 does not work other than for red Flag Day

-emergency notification for earthquakes is now available allowing 60-75 seconds for a quake 75 miles away via news streams

Next meeting –

-Visiting Bel Air Crest for a future meeting was of interest perhaps starting at 5-5:30pm on a week day available. June might work for this. Our next meeting will be in early or mid May

Adjourned: 8:35pm

-Chuck Maginnis