

Emergency Preparedness Committee Minutes
Wednesday May 15, 2013
Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse on Claray

Present:	Chuck Maginnis	(chair)
	Patricia Bell Hearst	(Brentwood Resident)
	Buddy Jolton	(Casiano Estates)
	Leslie Stojka	(Bel Air Ridge)
	Bill Kabaker	(Bel Air Ridge)
	Matthew Post	(Benedict Canyon)
	Irene Sandler	(Bel Air Crest)
	Dan Palmer	(Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc.)
	Hildreth Simmons	(Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc.)

Introduction of all attendees & comments:

- Patricia lives in Brentwood and Chuck commented that she attends almost every BABCNC meeting with great concern and knowledge on city funds, operations and how it affects many LA communities.
- Buddy is a Board Member of Casiano Estates
- Leslie is on the BA Ridge Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Bill Kabaker of Precise Landscape is also on the BA Ridge Emergency Preparedness Committee and provides solutions via remote connection to sprinkler systems which can be used for emergencies.
- Matthew is on the board for the Benedict Canyon Association and interested in Emergency Preparedness for his community
- Irene is on the BA Crest board and is a BABCNC member
- Dan in on EP for Residents of Bev Glen, Inc
- Hildreth –is on the board for the Residents of Beverly Glenn and substitutes at times at BABCNC meetings
- 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:

- Buddy Jolton motioned, minutes approved

Report on Bel Air Ridge EPAC Drill

Leslie and Bill presented the drill results as successful since we all realize how difficult it is to stage drills with a complete volunteer group which has not had regular reinforced training. Approximately 10 EPAC members began the drill while others called in from their homes. HOA Property Manager Robert Avila, assisted Ron Cornell . The purpose was to practice a CERT like scenario where that process would be followed as if buildings might be unsafe, cracked or collapsed with potential casualties. Checking their command center building for safety started the drill. Those with CB Radios (needing line of sight) were to contact the command center for communications (base) while the command center could

communicate to Fire Station 99 or perhaps outside communities via ham radio. Everyone can hear the base discussions but CB Radio users couldn't necessarily hear each other (perhaps due to line of sight or maybe due to design). No one can forecast emergency conditions, but practicing for the unknown is a smart practice. Stacy Gerlach, Paramedic and CERT Captain, came later and summarized what was supposed to take place actually did take place. The evacuation plan was to hopefully have Beverly Glenn clear for homeowner evacuation while LAFD might try an alternate Stone Canyon road only available to the LAFD. Irene confirmed that the anticipated first test drill at BA Crest is expected to need vast improvement. Dan at Residents of Beverly Glenn confirmed that proposed repeaters should reach Fire Station 99, when implemented.

Satellite Phones –

Chuck mentioned that the motion to purchase Satellite phones is based on contingencies including the HOA's commit to an annual \$300 service plan. One big emergency use outside attempts to 911, hospitals, etc is contacting out of town areas where televisions will have complete coverage, damages, fire conditions, etc. HOA to HOA communications could be useful if enough HOAs have these phones or other working numbers. Someone suggested that Barbara Cohen in the Palisades might be a good NC contact as the purpose of our groups is to help each other. Individuals responsible for the phone should be 3-deep with the triage center commander in charge. CERT training was suggested which is a 7 week 18-21 hour course. CERT is the real deal and an eye opener to those who have not received this training. Chuck's neighborhood list has all contact information listed which is distributed to everyone, including doctors, nurses, CERT trained individuals, those handy with tools listed, etc. Buddy offered that Casiano Estates is in discussion with American Jewish University (AJU) and/or Stephen Wise as they have emergency centers nearby and might work well as larger teams with Casiano's contributions. Chuck mentioned that Sam Levitt, AJU COO, is planning to attend our next meeting. Other names were mentioned which could be of benefit to our cause and introduction or contact emails are to be sent to Chuck for follow up. Helicopter landing pads were discussed that might be able to land in Brentwood and Mountaingate. Chuck was contacted by Brentwood Association and is scheduled to speak at their next meeting on June 11 regarding the BABCNC Safety committee and Emergency Preparedness.

Emergency Sprinkler System Discussion

Bill Kabaker mentioned in summary that irrigation controllers can now be accessed remotely via phone or computer rather than having to manually locate and turn on sprinkler systems. This could be done with knowledge of the fire department if a fire is endangering to a location or community. The costs for a controller for this access which is needed at each sprinkler control, is generally estimated at \$800 for each control location. They can be placed on HOA controlled common areas or individual properties.

Emergency notification discussion –

-Chuck mentioned that the motion to purchase two \$25 increments of emergency notification message time from Message Broadcast in Newport Beach has been approved, and implemented. Chuck has set up the account for this self service pay-it-forward service with no recurring monthly fee, and will report

on loading of names /numbers and testing at our next meeting. Half minute voice messages costs 4 cents as dialers (phone equipment capable of disbursing tons of calls simultaneously, like for those political and nuisance calls we all hate) are used to notify recipients via answered call, answer machine /voice mail and repeat dialing for ring no answer (RNA) for up to 3 attempts. It is recommended that any HOA utilizing such a notification system like this have prior approval from all recipients. Pulling the notification trigger during the nighttime hours certainly becomes a judgment call for those with authority. The list of those having authority should be a minimum of 3 deep. Emergency notification should be a grass roots effort as the entire community (everyone) should communicate any potential danger up the ladder, so a 2-way phone, email or text tree, should be implemented in each community. Hopefully, HOA to HOA and NC to NC would become part of the chain.

Next meeting in June

-Visiting Bel Air Crest was discussed with the dates and times best suited for this meeting. A 10am start time appeared to be almost a unanimous choice due to traffic considerations and Wednesday, June 5 was the date requested from Bel Air Crest. Irene will check with Rick Cole for confirmation. It is important for those attending to RSVP in advance as BA Crest is a gated community.

Adjourned: 8:40pm

-Chuck Maginnis
Submitted May 19, 2013