

Emergency Preparedness Draft Committee Report

Tuesday June 5, 2013

Bel Air Crest Clubhouse

Present:	Chuck Maginnis	(chair)
	Patricia Bell	(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)
	Steve Twining	(Roscomare Valley)
	Greg Landis	(Bel Air Glenn)
	Don Farkas	(Casino Bel Air)
	Jeff Ebenstein	(Councilman Paul Koretz Office)
	Gary Plotkin	(Casiano Estates)
	Rick Cole	(Bel Air Crest)
	Michael Schlenker	(Bel Air Crest)

Introduction of all attendees & comments:

- Everyone introduced themselves, their HOA /community and their phone numbers for those present.
- Chuck mentioned that the purpose of the committee is to share information amongst the HOA members for new ideas and everyone's benefit in preparing for emergencies, and for our general safety

Approval of minutes:

- Irene Sandler motioned, minutes approved

Bel Air Crest welcome and introductions:

Irene Sandler welcomed everyone to Bel Air Crest. She is a member of the master board and is on the BABCNC. As a community, they have been prepared for the past 10 years as they don't expect help from the city in a large emergency, as they will be isolated. Irene introduced their operations manager, Rick Cole, and Michael Schlenker, a concerned resident who is organizing block captains. Patricia asked if a list of supplies was available and Rick said it is not complete but he would forward a copy to Chuck when available for distribution. A disaster plan is in progress. Below is a picture of those in attendance in the clubhouse.

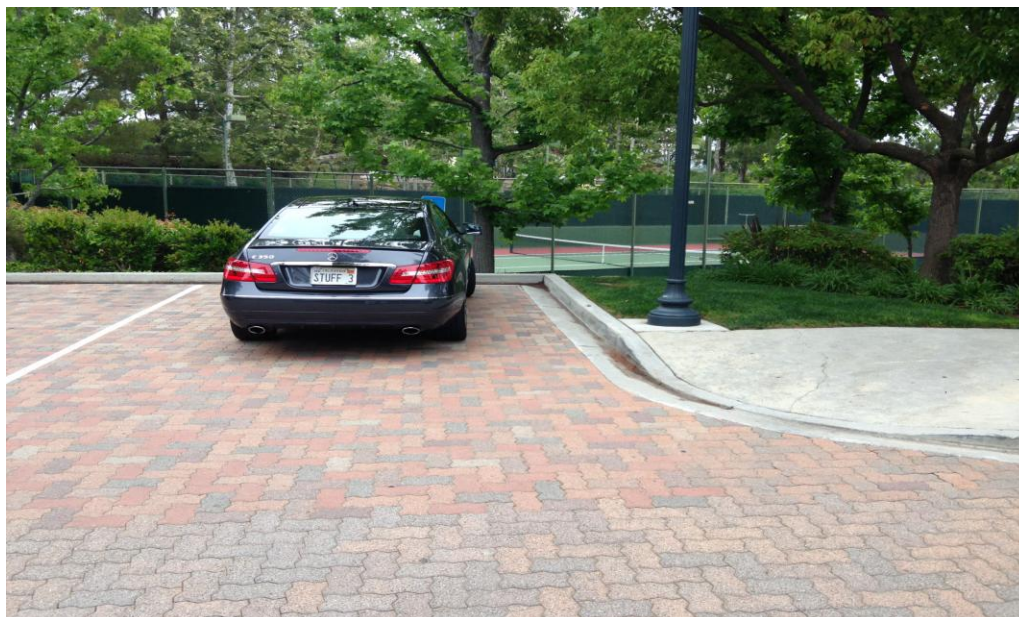


The BABCNC Emergency Preparedness Committee has attracted many different Home Owner Associations to help their resident's in the case of an emergency. Here they meet at the Bel Air Crest Clubhouse. Left side, front to back: Bill Kabaker, Patricia Bell, Buddy Jolton, Gregg Landis, Don Farkas, Michael Schlenker, Dan Palmer; Right side of table: Hildreth Simmons, Leslie Stojka, Irene Sandler, Jeff Ebenstein, Matthew Post, Steve Twining, Gary Plotkin, Chuck Maginnis

Rick led the group where he will detail areas of interest and supplies: Just outside the clubhouse, the



parking lot is reserved for The Command Center should the building be damaged. A canopy is available for outdoor use along with a generator for a string of lights, wireless radios, lap tops, satellite phone, Police and fire scanner, central irrigation system and another set of lights for a tennis court 15 yards away as pictured will be used as a Triage area for treating patients needing medical care.



Eight potty stations are available for command center personnel and those needing care.



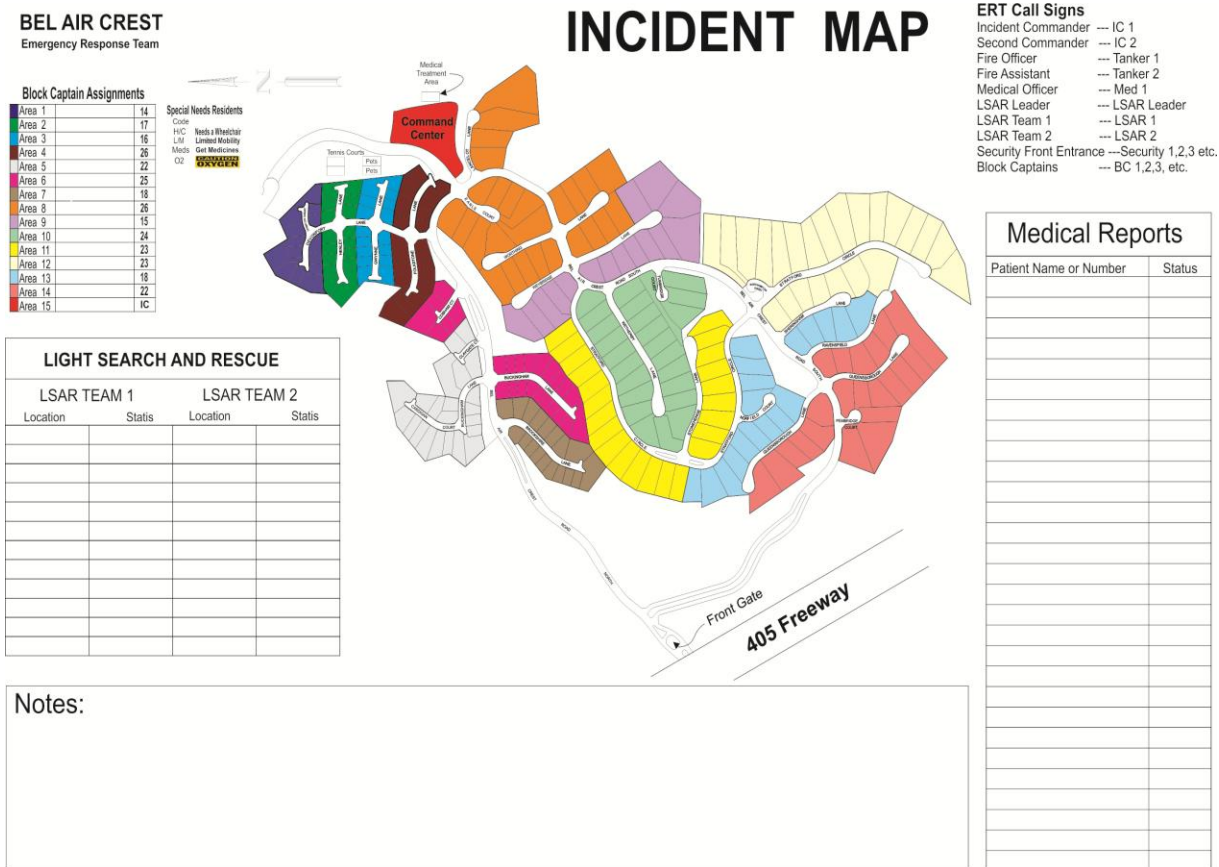
Residents are responsible for their own care: food, water, sanitary products, etc. They also have air mattresses and tents for command Center personnel to rest as they expect long hours of duty. Tennis courts one quarter of a block away are for animal control use, with sides divided for large and for small animals. Kids will water and feed dogs. There is a partial inventory of pets. We continued to the supply container located by other tennis courts three-fourths of a block from the command area /clubhouse. Many of the supplies were displayed outside the shed although they all fit into an air conditioned facility. We are approaching the tennis court and supply container.



The picture of The Command Center canopy is shown with the security and incident maps.



The Incident Commander, Information Officer and Communications Officer are housed in the Command Center. The Communications Officer is responsible for the mobile radios, telephones, Satellite phone, CB Radios and scanner. The Information Officer will answer all questions so other officers are not disturbed. Chuck asked if this is similar to CERT training recommendations, and the response was that it is close. They plan to have runners who will distribute radios and exchange notes with the block captains, with responses being returned to the command center. The security map is for dispatching individuals to security posts since the guards would rightfully need to leave BA Crest to attend to their families, as they should. The incident map below is for tracking everything.



Michael put together an elaborate fire protection system where he would man the water truck during a fire outbreak. He also has a few breathing apparatus machines he would carry. There are eight portable potties for the command center already shown. There are thousands of baggies and sanitary wipes, paper towels, etc. The typical setup for their triage area has several cots with canopies available, an oxygen generator for heart attacks or patients that need care and a plan for doctors on site shown below.



Below, the typical search and rescue kit were displayed with all items fitting into the large black box except the expandable ladder and hose.



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The rough terrain wheel chair on the next page is for a long distance haul where the victim can be strapped for safety.



Rick's pickup truck can be used to transport people or supplies to and from the triage center.



The 2000 gallon water truck is fitted with attachments for connecting to LAFD trucks and have supported the fire department by being contacted to deliver water or just giving them the truck keys. Rick can fill 4 to 5 fire trucks before he has to refill. They also have 200 feet of hose with fixtures allowing connection to fire trucks. If a hillside was burning the attachment on each the side of the water truck can spray water vertically while in motion.



The container or shed below is around 10'x20' and cost around \$900.



It is air conditioned to help shelf life for the perishable medical supplies along with preservation of other supplies. Included below is a 65 gallon water tank for the triage center used for washing hands and wounds (not drinking water) and is connected to the swimming pool for a continuous flow to fill the tank.



Below is a propane generator running on natural gas or gasoline and a barbecue grill for feeding the command officers or for boiling water.



This shelf contains search and rescue equipment to throw on the back of a truck for a quick exit.



In addition, there are block captain radios with an automatic 7 day recharging system, a tested chain saw, a generator which is tested monthly for proper operation, a megaphone for the command center, extension cords and light stations.



Then, they have two trauma kits (incident & triage system bags) which can treat up to 500 people. Lighting with 100' and 50' extension cords are also shown.



Perishable medical items like syringes are maintained at 75-78 degrees with air conditioning allowing for a longer shelf life. Wipes, gloves, burn kits, , medical supplies including visors & lenses for suturing along with thermometers, blood pressure apparatus and the like were prescribed by a doctor. Rick installed BA Crest's own insulation for the facility including the A/C.



Command Center supplies, extra block captain kits for anyone out of town (in addition to those kept at their homes) are stored.



Breathing apparatus for smoke conditions are available where 2 individuals are trained in the unit's operation. Heaters for the command center and triage area, a giant spot light, portable winches, and frequencies for the local departments are shown below.



When asked if the operation of the radios were known by the block captains, the response is that they plan to provide instruction on their next drill. It was suggested that instructions and radio frequencies be attached to the radios as reminders.

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Voice Radio Frequencies

USE	CHANNEL	FREQUENCY	CTCSS
Operations - LAFD Division 1	1	860.9375	85.4
Operations - LAFD Division 2	2	859.9375	88.5
Operations - LAFD Division 3	3	858.9375	91.5
Control - EMS (South of Mulholland)	4	857.9375	94.8
Administration - Fire Prevention - Support Services	5	856.9375	97.4
Emergency Trigger	6	858.2375	131.8
Control - Fire (South of Mulholland)	7	859.4375	192.8
Control - Fire & EMS (North of Mulholland)	8	858.4375	103.5
Control - Alternate	9	857.2375	107.2
Operations - EMS	10	856.2375	123.0
Command	11	860.7625	127.3
Tactical	12	860.4375	186.2
Tactical	13	857.4375	141.3
Tactical	14	856.4375	146.2
Tactical	15	859.7625	151.4
Tactical	16	858.7625	162.2
Tactical	17	857.7625	167.9
Tactical	18	856.7625	173.8
Interagency Calling Channel	19 <ICALL>	866.0125	
Interagency Tactical Channel	20 <ITAC1>	866.5125	
Interagency Tactical Channel	21 <ITAC2>	867.0125	
Interagency Tactical Channel	22 <ITAC3>	867.5125	

<http://lafd.org/freq.htm>

Soft Packs were mentioned which are small portable oxygen tanks that are carried by the LSAR teams in the event that someone may need oxygen during the transport process or if they can not be moved right away to the First Aid area where we have a stationary oxygen generator.



This ATV below has also been purchased for maintenance use and emergencies on the property.



Pictures of the group were taken as everyone learned immensely from the tour. Everyone proceeded back to the clubhouse to discuss other agenda items.



BABCNC Emergency Preparedness attendees representing many Home Owner Associations pose for a group shot after viewing Emergency Preparedness facilities and supplies at Bel Air Crest. Row 1 Jeff Ebenstein, Patricia Bell, Irene Sandler, Leslie Stojka, Hildreth Simmons; Row 2: Steve Twining, Chuck Maginnis, Rick Cole, Don Farkas, Buddy Jolton, Gary Plotkin; Row 3: Michael Schlenker, Matthew Post, Gregg Landis, Dan Palmer, Bill Kabaker

On returning to the clubhouse, Hildreth mentioned that a \$250 contribution to a radio station returned a gravity water filter, two disaster CDs and other items which were very worthwhile. When asked if a list of BA Crest items were available, Rick offered to share the list when completed. The cost of all these items was around \$20-25,000 not including the water truck which was an old rental truck. Rick upgraded the truck with a new tank along with fittings for fire department connections, costing around \$30,000. Gary suggested that Sun City in Palm Desert also has a great emergency preparedness set up and the group asked if pictures be made available. Another suggestion was that FEMA was issuing grants to communities to assist the fire department with fires. Kudos to the committee was given as

they comprise of individuals who are unselfish and really care about others. Leslie asked Rick a few questions Ron Cornell had since he could not attend, if there is an inventory of supplies and an EP plan. Rick responded that any EP plan distribution would need authorization of the incident commander for release. Rick said that plans are just a way of getting started but when a crisis hits, things change and we all need to react.

HOA's Getting Started

Before discussing the next topic of "getting started", Chuck asked if everyone would describe the state of preparedness of their own HOA understanding everyone can use improvement: beginning, middle or advanced. Mentioning that BA Crest and BA Ridge are perhaps in elite stages for different elements of their programs: Bill, BA Ridge, says middle; Buddy, Casiano, beginning; Patricia, Brentwood, beginning; Greg, BA Glenn, beginning; Don, Casiano BA, beginning; Michael, BA Crest, suggested their leaving room for improvement; Dan, Residents of Beverly Glenn, 15% compared to BA Crest (they have email list, medical list, block captains, EPOD sections, and a play room which could hold supplies): Steve, Roscomare Valley, thanked Don Farkas who relocated years ago for 6 barrels full of supplies where batteries need checking, an active EM nurse, a list of doctors & nurses but undistributed, and a few classes of CERT trained residents; Matt, Benedict Canyon, beginning; Jeff, from Paul Koretz's office mentioned that The Office of Emergency Management, The Command Center in city hall and The Police/Fire Departments are good for immediate responses but not good for long term catastrophes due to their resources. This is why the city went on campaigns to get each neighborhood prepared, as a pilot program was done in Encino with signs in windows for handicapped, or those needing assistance. When asked how many neighborhood councils had groups like ours, Jeff stated that out of 95 NCs, only about 10%. Encino runs a drill every month and he suggested that if the BA Crest presentation could be video taped, it could be sent to the Office of Emergency Management as a model for all HOAs. Chuck mentioned that the EP minutes were purposely detailed so they could be used as a foundation for other HOAs beginning the process.

Hildreth volunteered that LAUSD has been doing drills for the past years and suggested networking with them to gather information. Irene mentioned that Gary asked if our MECA representative who is responsible for the Mulholland corridor schools, could respond. A discussion on schools and safety for our kids might be a good agenda item for another meeting. Dan felt that gaining information about utilities is important but impossible on how to handle. As example, how are gas leaks from telephone poles turned off? Jeff said he could get someone to address this at a future meeting. Don then suggested that schools will not participate as they have their plans for the kids set, but might learn from our discussions. Ron discussed how BA Ridge and their CB Radio drills paid off with a gas leak on Beverly Glenn, where through communications; they located a plumber to fix the issue in 20 minutes. Patricia mentioned that everyone should check to see if their community water supply has enough pressure or needs a pump to circulate water up to the higher levels of the hillside, during emergencies.

Returning to methods of getting started, Chuck, who used to be a street captain for the Bel Air Association, mentioned that the BAA divided the 2700 homes into 13 areas covering 175-250 homes each, recruited 13 residents to be street captains, held random meetings for years, and encouraged

street captains to orchestrate a meeting with their neighbors. The purpose of this meeting or gathering was for neighbors to get to know each other and learn more about the importance of EP. Collecting lists including email addresses and occupations relative to emergencies (doctors, nurses, CERT trained, CPR trained, handy with tools, etc), provided Chuck with a starting point where he has added and maintained his own list of 40+ distributing names, addresses and occupations to all those listed. Gathering this information took a grass roots effort and the caring of those professional doctors and nurses who consented to the list. Having access to this information is important to us who live a few miles up from Sunset, as we would be isolated during an emergency. A centralized list is fine as long as there are provisions for decentralized distribution in case of emergencies. No one seems to care about fires, earthquakes or emergencies until they strike, or until people are reminded to recall or relive Northridge, San Francisco or other catastrophes. So most people need to be warmed up or reminded before regaining interest in emergency preparedness.

Chuck passed out two sample copies of invitations for neighborhood gatherings. Chuck's sample was a casual burger and dog barbecue with beer and wine to meet your neighbors while having fun. The meeting was brief as the purpose and benefits of emergency preparedness were discussed. Michael said they have also had entire community gatherings for a barbecue with emergency suppliers, Fire Department, plumbers and so forth which were successful. He can supply a list of the vendors they had and also mentioned the earthquake shake house is an eye opener. Patricia mentioned that a plumber with a small crew was hired by a community of less than 100 to provide auto gas shutoffs on each of their homes. Bill says BA Ridge has started lists of doctors and others which are maintained by the managers. July 10 or 17 are possible dates for next meeting. Irene suggested that when an emergency occurs that the HOA managers would typically be in charge, but if no one felt trained or confident for that responsibility, then someone with a Military background like Rick, might be a good candidate to assist you in leadership. A suggestion was to send out postcard requests to gather who may be interested in emergency preparedness and let the recipients place their own stamps on the cards showing commitment. Patricia mentioned the importance of having a crow bar for both upstairs and downstairs in a two-story home. Don did a paper on 1994 Northridge earthquake which lists of all the injuries, deaths and their causes which many suggested he please share with us. Chuck referred back to his list and when the 405 /Getty fire began a few months ago, that he had his 40+ email list loaded, ready to go, wrote a few words for warning and let it rip. Steve suggested bringing some placards produced a few years ago by the BABCNC to the next meeting. Chuck gave credit to Don Farkas and Monica Weil for helping produce the placard that can you hung on a door handle as Don had an original placard template from years ago. Do-it-yourself placards are available on the www.BABCNC.org website with instructions on how to self print them. These minutes are again stated to be purposely laborious due to the nature of emergency preparedness having so many possible events, and solutions available. They are endless.

Emergency Notification & Satellite Phones

Chuck reported that the BABCNC approved \$50 expenditure for Emergency Notification with Message Broadcast which has no monthly fee and costs 4 cents for each one half minute voice notification message. He is currently familiarizing himself with different features on the website including

downloading of phone numbers, and plans to test the system with a few BABCNC board members. It was suggested that the committee members be part of this test, which is a good idea. He will report back as to user friendliness and success at future meetings. He also reported that the used Satellite phone offer by the BABCNC was not approved by the city (Done), but that the used Satellite phones are still a bargain for HOA purchase while supplies last.

Adjourned: 12:10pm

-Chuck Maginnis
Submitted July 6, 2013