



BABCNC Emergency Preparedness Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 7:00 pm
Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse - 2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077

1. **Call to order:** EP Chair, Chuck Maginnis, called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.
2. **Roll call & introduction of attendees:**

Present

Chuck Maginnis
 Jacqueline Le Kennedy
 Irene Sandler
 Stephanie Savage
 Dan Palmer
 Danielle Cohen
 Joan Herman
 Ron Cornell
 Michael Schlenker
 Valerie O'Brien
 Communications Group Ham
 Margo Hamilton
 Kristin Stavola
 Dennis Koci
 Mindy Rothstein Mann
 Hildreth Simmons
 Cathy Palmer

Affiliation/Title

BABCNC EP Chair, Bel Air Ridge, CERT
 BABCNC Treasurer, Budget Advocate
 BABCNC, Bel Air Crest Master Association
 BABCNC, Laurel Canyon Association, CERT
 BABCNC, Residents of Beverly Glen
 Bel Air Ridge Resident, EPAC Co-chair, Ham & CERT
 Bel Air Ridge Resident, EPAC, Ham
 Bel Air Ridge Chair EP Committee, HCEC Ham radio group
 Bel Air Crest Resident, EP Chair, HCEC Ham Comm. Chair
 Laurel Canyon Association/EP Liaison, (CERTx2) ACEC
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 Benedict Canyon Association
 Residents of Beverly Glen Secretary & EP Committee
 BABCNC Administrator

Special Guest Speakers:

Walt Young, MRCA "Planning for Very High Risk and Low Frequency Events"
 Curt Wasserman, LAFD Station #99: Open House May 13th
 Paul Palmer, LAFD Station #99

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of February 15, 2017 Minutes:** Moved by Jacqueline; seconded by Ron Cornell.
5. **Public Comment:**

Importance of Emergency Preparedness: Tim Pershing, Sr. Field Rep. for State Assembly Member, Richard Bloom, District 50 Tim was not able to be here this evening. In his stead, Chuck has invited Special Guest Speaker, Park Ranger, Walt Young, from the Mountains Recreation Conservation Association, (MRCA), who will speak on "Planning for Very High Risk and Low Frequency Events"

Prior to Walt's presentation, Special Guest, Curt Wasserman, from LAFD Station 99, announced Fire Service Day on Saturday May 13. 10:00am to 4:00pm. He explained the upcoming event, in which they will be showing off the fire station, to use it as a fundraiser, with silent auction, and raffles for dinner at the Fire Station. They are looking for HOAs to support the event, which runs \$10,000 and they do bring in profit of \$10,000 to \$20,000, which this year they will use to get the fire station repainted. The event will include a fire engine ride from OC, a bouncer, five face painters, interactive activities for kids to put out a fire with a hose, a petting zoo, Star wars characters, Beverly Glen Deli hotdogs and cold drinks, get cotton candy, snow cone and all free. They will be having characters; people come up annually and spend hours. They also need donations for balloons, decorations, silent auction items. They are looking for cash donations, silent auction items, balloons and port-a-potties. Contact 818-756-8699; make out check for Fire Station #99. Fire Station #99 Community Fund; Leah Fleischman will send us the pdf. Ron Cornell discussed his association's interest in getting donations to the fire station. Chuck noted that we are the EP Committee of BABCNC. Michael recommended that we have a flyer announcing his committees.

Ranger Walt Young was introduced and provided background on his many years of service. Prior to working with the MRCA, he had worked in emergency medical services in Death Valley and volunteered for 20 years with Sherriff's Rescue Team.

Below from left back, Dan Palmer, Cathy Palmer, Danielle Cohen, Joan Herman, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Hildreth Simmons, Margo Hamilton, Dennis Koci, and front from left, Mindy Rothstein Mann, Ron Cornell, Michael Schlenker, Irene Sandler and Kristin Stavola attentively listen to Walt's presentation.



Walt explained that we typically do a very poor job planning for very low frequency/high risk events. These events create stress, which alter our ability to communicate: “you’re not going to be the person that you are right now.” The objective is to understand the basic principles of “Human Factors” and their effects on risk. This will enable us to employ the risk mitigation tools developed to combat stress, fatigue, miscommunication and team/group dysfunction

He showed a video of the US Airways plane landing on the Hudson River, piloted by Scully, who had taught Emergency Planning, as an example of when things go right. He noted that when we are not prepared, things do not always go right.

Walt gave a power-point presentation, with key notes, as to a small fraction of program, which is taught in a 16-hour curriculum, by the National Park Service, on preparing for emergencies or disasters.

He began by explaining that adrenaline-induced heart rate “fight or flight” syndrome (145 and 175 beats per minute) may result in cognitive process deterioration, tunnel vision, auditory exclusion, loss of depth perception and delay in response. He noted that this is a physiological response, which occurs when confronted with a situation never seen or thought of before, in 8-12 seconds, differing from when a situation is planned for with “Briefings/Rehearsals.”

It is important in the midst of a situation to take five minutes to reassess, to make sure what you believe the condition to be at that hour is really still true, because most accidents occur between 3:00 and 5:00 pm just before people get off.

Below, Walt Young continues his PowerPoint presentation while Stephanie Savage and Valerie O’Brien view from the other side.



FATIGUE – HUMAN FACTORS: Some of the things you need to consider, as a team and with regard to group formation: STORM: Who is who? Who is in charge? The group dynamic can be especially in a stressful environment. FORM: When leadership elements work their way out: Plan to build in multiple bosses and multiple people in positions, so someone can sleep. NORM: Things were working. PERFORM excellent organization. They have teams who are used to working as a unit so they do not go through the first stages, storm, form and norm.

He mentioned active shooter training, noting that it used to be fire to stop the bad guy or keep your head down. Now, we return fire, stop bleeding and get away.

Questions were asked and answered. Walt noted that sometimes directness works in a true emergency situation; simply looking calm and telling people “we’re going” works, if someone can respond to a simple command, such as “we’ve got to go right now” however, others who are affected by adrenaline can’t always do so! Walt explained that they are always under the commander.

6. Getting started, email blasts, announcements – Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair

Chuck mentioned that BAA has outstanding number of volunteers. Mindy Rothstein Mann from BCA noted that that it is hard to get her area to do an EP association or plan. Ron Cornell noted that each area has different ways; they do an EP Fair every two years, for 10 years now. He and Michael started the Hillside Communities Communication Group, which has also grown. He suggested that if you have events, people will come; find out who your core people are, have things that stimulate their interest. Ron’s group stresses communications because in 1994, they had a communications group that helped save the other side of Beverly Glen from a gas leak. He recommended having weekly or monthly events, and to not be deterred when only a few people come, noting that in time they will come.

Chuck provided some samples of Disaster Preparedness information, particularly from Holmby-Westwood Property Owners’ Association (HWPOA). Michael noted that all the groups have to help each other. He will be speaking at BCA. Chuck spoke about the benefits of having an open email list.

7. HAM Communications Update -- Michael Schlenker, Communications Chair

In March they had a radio class with 6 people, two passed the test; they are having their one year anniversary of weekly Saturday morning check-in with 10 people. He reminded us that the EP Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets on April 29.

8. Round table discussion on successes, Q&A:

Chuck will be having a speaker at the BABCNC Board meeting on 04/26, **who will explain their fire retardant** product, which is sprayed onto homes, to protect them from fire.

Sunday EP Fair **is happening** this Sunday at this location, Bel Air Ridge.

Irene mentioned that many of us have fire extinguishers that may have expired, **that** need to be rotated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 20, 2017 (3rd Wednesday every other month)