

**Emergency Services Council Meeting  
Minutes January 17 2019**

The Emergency Services Council was called to order by Chairperson Canepa 5:30p.m. Roll Call was taken.

Members Present

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| Colma               | Diana Colvin    |
| Daly City           | Glenn Sylvester |
| Foster City         | Herb Perez      |
| Hillsborough        | Marie Chuang    |
| Millbrae            | Ann Schneider   |
| Pacifica            | Sue Vaterlauss  |
| Portola Valley      | John Richards   |
| Redwood City        | Janet Borgens   |
| San Bruno           | Rico Medina     |
| San Carlos          | Adam Rak        |
| San Mateo           | Joe Goethals    |
| County of San Mateo | David Canepa    |

Members Absent:

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| Cary Wiest          | Atherton          |
| Davina Hurt         | Belmont           |
| Karen Cunningham    | Brisbane          |
| Ann Keighran        | Burlingame        |
| East Palo Alto      | Lisa Gauthier     |
| Half Moon Bay       | Deborah Penrose   |
| Menlo Park          | Catherine Carlton |
| South San Francisco | Mark Nageles      |
| Woodside            | Chris Shaw        |

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes-  
2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to approve minutes -  
Ayes- 12  
Not present for the approval of minutes-9  
January 17, 2019 Minutes approved

**Operational Report:** Captain Craig Denton- There are no significant items on attachment A.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SMC Alert-** Jeff Norris- In 2018 we looked to get SMC alert to 100,000 subscribers. We did

not quite make the goal. We however added on an additional 30,000 people. We are now at 97, 541 individuals in the system. There was a great deal of effort to add additional subscribers. We had growth in all areas of the county. We continue to use SMC Alert has the primary alerting system in the County.

**Elected Official EOC- Guidelines Update-** Captain Craig Denton- The Elected Officials guide is in the final draft. We will be taking one final review to make sure it is what we want. Once we are done with that we will be sending it out to all of you. These are just guidelines. If you want to use it or parts of it you can.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**Annual Preparedness Survey Report-** Kevin Rose- Gave a presentation on the results from the annual preparedness survey. The Joint Powers Authority requires that the cities take a poll on how we are doing on emergency preparedness. The Emergency Managers Association prepares an emergency preparedness survey. We had a 100% response. The survey is divided into seven sections: Hazard Mitigation, Planning, Communication, Emergency Management Operations, Training and Exercises, Resource Management and Logistics, and Administration. The survey is an accumulation as well as individual. The survey will be sent out to each city.

**N95 Masks-** Nancy Lapolia- Director of Emergency Medical Services/ Medical Health Operational Coordinator- Gave a presentation on issues surrounding the distribution of M95 masks to the public. M95 respirator masks are not ideal for the lay individual or the public. They can cause more harm than good. These respirators need to be properly fitted and a health screening should be conducted to make sure you are capable of functioning with one on. The recommendation by Dr. Morrow, the County's Health Officer is based on the recommendation from the California Public Health Department and Environmental Protection Agency to stay inside, limit outdoor activity, and recycle air in your car and home. For people with underlying health issues should stay inside, limit outdoor activity and consult their own physician. Field workers who need to be outside should have protection, been fitted tested and follow OSHA standards. Those are the recommendations.

There was a discussion that took place after the presentation. It was requested that documentation on the recommendation by the state health department be sent to the council. It was also recommended to take a tiered approach to educate the public and to see how to fit the mask on properly.

Also there was a request for any stats on how many more people had increased respiratory issues because of the fires.

It was suggested that updates be sent out to the cities if these issues reach a plateau and

that guidelines be sent out so that they can be sent out to the constitutes in each city.

Supervisor Canepa suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work with the health department on this issue.

The following councilmembers were appointed to the M95 mask subcommittee to work with health: Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Medina, and Ms. Schneider.

There was consensus by the council.

**SB821 Hearing and Discussion-** Jeff Norris- Early in November under the guidance of Supervisor Canepa and Supervisor Horsley, the county but forth a resolution to work with the elements of SB821. SB821 provides an opportunity for the purpose of alert and warning to enter into an agreement to access contact information of residents through the records of public utilities. We are working with the city of San Bruno's cable T V to obtain user information to enhance our reverse 911 system. This is a pilot program, the outcome of which will be used to reach out to other utility providers like Peninsula Clean energy. We are doing this in partnership with Marin, Monterey, and other counties across the state.

**OES Calendar-** Kevin Rose- There two items on the calendar that are worth noting, Mavericks on the Coast and the Bayex exercise which is conducted by the 95<sup>th</sup> Civil Support team of the National Guard. We are one of only 5 sites selected. This deals with CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear. This is their exercise and we have limited involvement.

**Hazmat Update-** B/C Kent Thrasher- Gave a presentation on the Hazmat team which was established in 1984. The Hazmat team is presently operated by the Belmont Fire Department as a part of the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. The Hazmat team covers all of San Mateo County, including SLAC. The Hazmat team is recognized as a Type II team. We are a non-dedicated Hazmat team unlike our neighbors, (Santa Clara, San Francisco) which has dedicated teams that are staffed 24 hours. Each firefighter on the team has over 1000 hours of training. We are held to the same standards as the dedicated teams.

The new fire agency in the county, San Mateo Consolidated Fire will hold the new contract with the county. Presently Belmont holds the contract which is a three year contract. We are presently working with Captain Denton on the contract. I don't anticipate a large increase in the contract. We will present what the new contract will look like at the April meeting. We don't anticipate any large increases in the contract. The benefit of our new fire agency, we will be taking Belmont who has 22 hazmat members, now we are incorporating into the larger organization of 130 plus firefighters that we can use on the team. We are going to increase the team to 30 members. We will be going from 6 on duty each day to 10.

We don't see any changed impact to the hazmat model to the end of the contract. We

presently do hazmat consult with the local fire department prior to doing a full hazmat response. This has worked well and we will continue to do this. This has reduced calls and saves all of the agencies in the county money.

**Emergency Managers Association Update-** Ken Anderson-The Emergency Manager's Association will be collaborating with the National Weather Service, Cal Volunteers, who will be talking about CERT, Environmental Health, and some private companies like Genentech. We have a specialist coming to talk to us about Donation Management and on March 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a presentation on Debris Management and post disaster at the Belmont rec center. Building Officials, EOC staff, Emergency Managers, First Responders, Public Works, and Finance should attend this presentation.

**American Red Cross Update-**Olga Crowe-In the last quarter, we had 15 responses in the County. The average response time is one hour and 45 minutes. The nationwide average is two hours. All of the responses in San Mateo County were by volunteers. The Red Cross continues the "Sound the Alarm campaign in the county. There were 187 alarms installed in houses throughout the county. We have re-introduced the Pillow Case presentation to third through fifth graders. Our goal is to get 300 children prepared for disasters and hopefully to go home and talk to their parents. We have partnered with Disney who designed the pillow cases. The students draw and talk about what they would put in the pillow cases. So far we have taught 91 students in Daly City. I am asking you to reach out to your school districts to see if they are interested in the program. With our Community Preparedness program we prepared 600 people who were taught 3 steps to preparedness. This is more than just a community event where brochures are handed out. Last, we are working on doing surveys on available sites for shelters throughout the county. We need shelters that are ready to go. Our goal is 30 shelter sites resurveyed. We have done 10 so far.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is April 18, 2019

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00