



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

2:00 PM

Police Department Conference Room
250 Cypress Street

SPECIAL MEETING

Please note special time for meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Peters called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Scott Deitz, Lindy Peters, Fabian Lizarraga, Steve Orsi, Tom Varga and Debbie Desmond

Absent: 1 - Linda Ruffing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 11, 2015

A motion was made by Committee Member Peters, seconded by Committee Member Deitz, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Susan Holli of Love in Action wanted to point out that there is an "ongoing disaster" in the City of Fort Bragg concerning people that are homeless and living in their cars. Homelessness affects local citizens as well as the business community. She would like to remind everyone that we need regular relief directed towards the homeless all the time, not just during a City disaster .

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. Receive Oral Update from Staff Regarding Public Safety Activities

- Committee Member Peters clarified that the Committee would be discussing departmental public safety activities as they relate to emergency situations. He reminded the Committee that it isn't a matter of if the City will experience a disaster; it is a matter of when.
- Chief Orsi expressed that his department and others would most likely be overwhelmed in an emergency or disaster situation. Many of the Fire Department personnel live in town and would be affected just like all of the other residents. As with the incident involving Deputy Ricky Delfiorentino, the staff of different departments will come together, communicate and do whatever is necessary.
- The Fire Department plan includes staff and volunteers having their families come to the

Fire House so those responsible for responding to the disaster won't be worrying about the safety of their families while they are helping others.

- The Fire Department is working on getting a radio repeater set up on Bald Hill like the Police Department. The goal is to have the radios for the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works all able to access one channel where they can communicate with each other.
- Cell phones are also a good way to communicate, although radios get the message and information out to many people at once.
- The Police Department has a brand new back-up generator that will be tested regularly.
- It is important to have a box set up with everything your department might need to manage a disaster such as tablets, pens, phones, in/out boxes, label maker...
- It will need to be determined who should be at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Someone needs to be responsible for setting up the EOC who is not involved in responding to the disaster in other ways. The P.D. is small for an EOC; however other offices, such as the Sergeant's Office of the Chief's Office can be utilized as well.
- Public Works Director Varga mentioned that all of these issues have been discussed at the EOC Planning Meetings that have been taking place and will continue to be worked on.
- Orsi mentioned that his Department uses the Incident Command protocols for anything they do that requires organization and implementation of a plan, such as BBQs and events. It was suggested that perhaps the Council Members should take the basic ICS Training (Incident Command System) to be better prepared to assist in an emergency.
- Peters mentioned that because the Fort Bragg community is so isolated that we will be taking care of ourselves, so preparedness and planning is essential. He believes the people in our community are used to taking care of each other and unlawful behavior such as looting will not be an issue. The first responders on the coast work well together and big egos will not get in the way of taking care of the community.
- Public Works is installing a multi-purpose fuel storage facility which will serve to supply emergency vehicles with fuel during a disaster. The City will also save money on bulk fuel purchases for daily operations.
- After a disaster when things have had a chance to settle down, the County Building Department would assess building for any structural damage.
- Orsi suggested a giant map of the City for the EOC so that someone could document issues throughout the City as they are reported. There may be mapping software and video that could accomplish this also.
- It would be helpful to have a designated liaison officer to work with and communicate with various agencies and organizations in the community, such as PG&E and the schools.
- Part of the Emergency Preparedness plan is to contact local loggers and equipment operators to assist with eventually opening up a route over Highway 20.
- Chief Lizarraga suggested that after the Emergency Plan is completed and in place, the City should do a training scenario to practice all of the procedures.
- Some concerns about the new Coastal Trail were discussed by the Committee. There have been some issues with trespassers on Georgia Pacific property who are usually people that are diving in that area. It is the owner's responsibility to keep people from trespassing although the Police Department can help and respond to calls. The current fence is easy to jump over.
- Orsi is surprised that there have been no calls for water rescue in the area where everyone is accessing the ocean. The Fire Department is well trained and can access the area quickly if they need to.
- The 4th of July might be a problem with divers as there is a low tide of -1.1 around 8:00 or

9:00 a.m. that day.

- The Fire Department has requested that Parlin Fork remove and burn any drift wood they can find on Noyo Beach to discourage citizens from building fires on the 4th of July and to lessen the chance of problem fires.
- Some are concerned that if the beach is closed to fireworks and alcohol that people will go somewhere else that might not be as safe as the beach for these kinds of activities.
- The Police Department is preparing for the 4th of July and will have all officers on duty that day.

This Staff Report was received and filed

MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None Received

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 by Committee Member Peters