

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 1, 2005 meeting
7:00 pm, Vera Davis Center

Mission: *To promote and assist neighborhoods and community groups to prepare for and handle emergency and disaster situations.*

Attendance: David Moring, Dante Cacace, Collete Bailey, Cliff McClain, Yolanda Gonzalez

I. Town Hall meeting.

David reported that he was put in touch with LAFD Captain Lee Elder who will make a presentation to a Town Hall, with a LAPD officer, on emergency response in the community. He will introduce concepts for home and office protection and outline the CERT training program that is available for stakeholders. There is a handbook that can be taken off the CERT website and printed up for distribution. David will follow up with Elder as soon as the Exec. Com. schedules the Town Hall and will seek out sources for printing the handout materials. Other sources for speakers and materials include the American Red Cross and Jane Harman's office.

II. Identifying neighborhood leaders

To begin assisting neighborhoods in organizing for disasters, we need to identify stakeholders who can be neighborhood organizers. David and Collete will start this by contacting the District Reps for names.

III. Seniors

Dante outlined his thinking about a seniors oriented program. He would like to have seminars at Senior Centers in the community. He will prepare a list of the centers where seniors congregate regularly. He will also begin drawing up the special needs of seniors in an emergency situation. It was suggested that there could be handouts given to Meals of Wheels programs. This would allow us to develop a list of seniors who would need to be checked on and help develop a telephone tree system. AARP data bases may assist in identifying seniors in our community.

IV. Emergency Expo

Cliff reported that his committee is just beginning to plan for the Expo in April at the Vera Davis Center. He would like our committee to assist in outreach to shareholders. We will also attempt to assist his group in other ways, as their plans develop.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 29, 2005, 7:00 pm, Vera Davis Center