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PALO ALTO NEIGHBORHOODS DISASTER & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Presentation to City Council 2/12/07

PAN Disaster Emergency Preparedness Committee Objectives

- Formed in February 2006; Became a committee of RRTF
- Coordinate and leverage activities of individual neighborhoods
 - Prepare neighbor-to-neighbor, block-to-block, community-to-community
 - Lower threshold for participation
 - Standards / best practices / doctrine
- Strengthen ties between neighborhoods and other orgs
 - City of Palo Alto
 - Emergency responders: Fire, Police, PANDAs, etc
 - Red Cross
 - Avenidas, HRC (special needs)
- Goal: IMPROVE preparedness (vs BECOME prepared)
 - Accept that many will not be prepared
 - Prepare to scale up after disaster strikes

Committee Key Accomplishments

- Collaboration - Council members, Police, Fire, Avenidas, Red Cross, Human Relations Commission etc
- Best Practices
 - Forms (Emergency Preparation Supplies Brochures, Emergency Information Data collection form)
 - Handouts (to distribute to neighbors)
- Communication in Emergencies
 - Survey Residents on the need for timely communications for crime/disasters/emergencies - over 630 responses
 - Teleminder replacement
- Publicity/Awareness
 - National Night Out 2006
 - Public Safety Messages on neighborhood list servs, enews
- New Role of Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC)
- Pandemic Influenza Briefing 2/107 – 85 participants
- Future – Emergency Preparedness Faire

PAN Disaster Emergency Preparedness Block Preparedness Coordinator

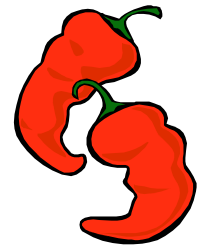
- Purpose: Preparedness + Public Safety
 - Get neighbors to know neighbors
 - Distribute information (pamphlets, presentations)
 - Gather and cache information on households
 - Resources
 - Special Needs
- Block: a small group of geographically cohesive households
- "Coordinator", not "Captain"
 - social organizer
 - information source (up & down)
- NOT a PANDA
 - PANDA go to where most needed
 - BPC stays in place

PAN Disaster Emergency Preparedness Committee Future Plans

Develop training programs for Block Preparedness
Coordinator

PAN Emergency Preparedness Faire
Palo Alto

July 4 Chili Cook-off



Community/City Collaboration Overriding Themes

- PAN's objective is to foster collaborative working relationships
 - All stakeholders, each know its role in the City-led planning, organization, and execution
- PAN seeks to collaborate with the City.
- Scaling up during a disaster
 - There should be a role for everyone who wants to assist
 - Those roles should be defined in advance of a disaster.
 - Additional City resources should be allocated for disaster preparedness.

Community/City Collaboration Continued

PAN Requests From the City

Step 1: Vision statement, organizational process flow

Step 2: Accountability and Authority for Planning

Step 3: City Endorsement of the PAN Disaster and
Emergency Preparedness Process & Organization

Appendix

PAN - KEY HANDOUTS

- Salvation Army Booklet "PrepGuide Home Safety Emergency Plan"
- USGS "Putting down Roots in Earthquake Country"
- PAN Brochures: Emergency Preparation Supplies & EP Go Bag
- FEMA Booklet "Food & Water in an Emergency" 477 A5055
- Red Cross and FEMA Booklet " Emergency Preparedness Checklist"
- Red Cross & FEMA Booklet "Family Disaster Supplies Kit"
- Red Cross and NFPA Booklet "Fire"
- Santa Clara County "Guide to Preparing for Pandemic Flu"
- Santa Clara County "Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness"
- Sticker to place inside booklet with emergency numbers - fire, police, KZSU etc <TO BE DESIGNED IN FUTURE>
If appropriate
- FEMA Booklet "Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities & Other Special Needs" 476 A4497
- FEMA Booklet (Earthquake Hazards Reduction Series 10) "Preparedness in High Rise Buildings"
- FEMA Booklet (Earthquake Hazards Reduction Series 22) "Preparedness in Apartments & Mobile Homes"