

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Chairman
Chief Les Caid



Vice-Chairman
Louie Chaboya

2150 N. Congress Drive, Suite 110
Nogales, Arizona 85621

November 20, 2014 Minutes

LEPC Voting Members Present:

Chief Les Caid - Chairman
Louie Chaboya, Vice-Chairman
Ray Sayre, SCCOEM
Chief Kevin Keeley, TFD
Chief Carlos Parra, SFD
Chief Hector Robles, NFD

Non-Voting Participants:

Frank Granados, SCC Planner
Augustin Huerta, SCCSO
Chief Genaro Rivera, TFD
Sergio Rosas, NPD
Roy Bermudez, NPD
Christina Bermudez, NPD
Gerardo Castillo, SCCSO
Troy Totty, USBP
Mark Patterson, USCBP
Al Flores, RRFD
Jose Arriola, SCCHEP
Gerry Castro, NFD
Isaac Fragoso, AZDPS
Mireya Velasco, ARC
Mike Lindsey, TFD
Ricardo Hidalgo, Unisource
John Marquez, SCCSO
Julie Higuera, SCCH
Heriberto Zuñiga, NPD
R.J. Rodriguez, SCCSO
John Sheeley, TFD
Murphy Woodhouse, Nogales International
Sandra Eriksen, SCCOEM

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Chief Les Caid.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions

Item 3. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2014

- Chief Hector Robles motioned to approve minutes
- Chief Carlos Parra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item 4. New Business

a. Manny Tapia's Memorial Ceremony – Sgt. Diana Mondragon/AZDPS

- AZDPS Officer Isaac Fragoso invited everyone to the Remembrance of a Fallen Comrade, Sgt. Manny Tapia to be held on January 10, 2015 from 08:30 to 13:00. He gave a detailed schedule and location directions.
- Requested we mail flyer to all present.

b. Incident Support Team – Ray Sayre

- Gave the background on Mark South's proposal on the concept of forming an Incident Support Team within Santa Cruz County principally to support a large event.
- The new concept is to develop an across the board Incident Support Team, not just by county employees, but across the board since we have existing people with tremendous experience. He gave examples on the fundamentals skills we may need. Requested feedback from the LEPC members.
- Chief Caid indicated that the idea has been around for years, and that it makes sense having the ability to support local disasters. Having individuals with different outlooks from different agencies being able to put in their expertise is critical. He pointed out that by the heads shaking in agreement all are interested and requested Ray to proceed.
- Talked about how this can be accomplished, and indicated he has to do some foundation work before moving forward.
- Mike Lindsey stated that if a documented team is established he has access to millions of dollars of communication equipment that he can get here in less than 24 hours.

c. ESF 10 Report – Ray Sayre

- Thanked everyone for using the ESF 10 Report on the website. He went on to explain how the process works, and Chief Al Flores explained how easy it is to complete.

d. Emergency Notification System – Ray Sayre

- Advised the group that we do not have a robust notification system in Santa Cruz County. Gave an explanation on the Nixle system and the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). This is a federal Alert System by the National Weather System. Indicated there could be grant funding available for the IPAWS system.
- Christina Bermudez, Augie Huerta and Mike Lindsay expressed their thoughts on the Nixle system.

e. Emergency Manager Update – Ray Sayre

- Still working on the TOAD Communication Vehicle MOU.
- Received a grant for \$26,967.51 from the Tohono O’odham Nation for Wildland Mass Reduction Trailers and equipment.
- Meeting with the National Park Service and others about funding our Community Wild Fire Protection Plan.
- The U of A Project on Resource Classification continues.
- Thanked the Red Cross for the Shelter Training. 24 people were trained.
- Looked at the Red Cross National Shelter System and found out there are only 3 shelters in Santa Cruz County. Pierson School, Sopori School, and Patagonia High School. Actively trying to get some other facilities placed onto the Red Cross National Shelter System.
- Did an Active Shooter Table Top Exercise for Law Enforcement.
- Within the EOC we have had numbers of drill activities.
- Upcoming activities:
 - ❖ Nov 25th meeting with AZ Department of Emergency Management training and exercise to tap into a lot more training dollars and schedule courses.
 - ❖ Dec 3rd and 4th Border 2020 at the Rio Rico Resort
 - ❖ Dec 13th, 14th and 15th Tubac Fire Department is sponsoring a Traffic Incident Management System Workshop.
 - ❖ Jan 24th, 31st, and Feb 7th Sonoita Elgin Fire Department is sponsoring a First Responders Operations Class. There are open seats and can register on ERMA.

Item 5. Old Business

a. SCC Planner Update – Frank Granados

- Shared information on the TIMS course and indicated that there is no ICS in TIMS, but went over the procedures for a traffic incident and a HazMat incident.
- Advised the group that they do want law enforcement participation for the Active Shooter Table Top on Dec 11th.
- Reported that when he was in Douglas for the TIMS class he was introduced to Sandra Quijada from Phoenix DOT. Indicated they have some funds available therefore he requested a Tank Car class for over the road vehicles, and right now they are in Phase II. This is about a \$14,000.00 class. No dates yet but will keep everyone posted.
- There were about 100 firefighters at the Del Campo Exercise in September. Training for the 2015 Del Campo will start on the first quarter of 2015.
- Will put out a Power Point on the Utility HazMat truck that Rio Rico FD houses and the list of the equipment that is on it so all fire departments are aware in case they need it.
- Nogales FD, Rio Rico FD, and Tubac FD have been sending techs to Tucson in coordination with the Pima County Regional HazMat to do training, and in doing so they have develop their own training calendar, therefore there will be quarterly trainings here.
- Chief Caid asked Frank to talk about the importance of law enforcement officers attending the HazMat trainings. Frank gave an overview report on the awareness.

- Got feedback from all departments for HazMat equipment needed again is putting it in with the Pima County Region to get funding.
- Louie Chaboya asked if there has been any consideration for the railcar training. Frank responded that right now it is too expensive to bring in. Has talked to Sandra Quijada about it, and she has not responded, but he will continue to see if it can be brought down.

b. Communications Update – Ray Sayre

- Gave a report on how the Communications subcommittee was formed back in July, with the focus of taking a look on the overall dispatch communications within Santa Cruz County.
- Had first subcommittee meeting in August and had almost everybody from the response agencies. Gave a detailed report on that meeting. Members agreed that the executive buy in was necessary to move forward, and he was directed to hold another executive level meeting.
- Put out invites out for September 23rd. Attending were all County Fire Chiefs, Nogales Police Chief, and the Representative for the Medical Director, but no representation from the Sheriff's Department.
- Informed the group that without the active participation from the executive level of the Santa Cruz County PSAP and the City of Nogales PSAP, the subcommittee will not be able to achieve the objectives of improving the dispatch operation.
- Chief Caid asked the group what were the next steps, and the challenges since the Sheriff's Dept. had not participated. Chief Hector Robles asked Chairman Les Caid if Lt. Castillo could give them an update.
- Lt. Castillo stated that he did not think the county was notified properly of such meeting. He advised the group that he was not in the position to give direction of where the Sheriff's Dept. stands versus the county.
- There was a lengthy discussion wherein Chief Caid, Chief Keeley, and Roy Bermudez expressed their thoughts, and concerns.
- Chief Caid asked the group what they wanted to do, and stated that as a group they are all working towards the same common goal of taking care of the public.
- Chief Robles suggested holding another executive meeting. Chief Caid requested he put that suggestion in a form of a motion. Roy Bermudez made some suggestions as to what to do before setting the meeting date.
- Chief Robles made a motion to hold an executive meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

c. Training Supplement: Ebola Procedures: Ray Sayre - Moderator

Christina Bermudez, Nogales Police Dept. – PSAP Guidelines

Jose Arriola, SCC Health Emergency Preparedness – Ebola Epidemiology

Chief Hector Robles, Nogales Fire Dept., - Operational Response Guidelines

- ❖ Christina Bermudez informed the group that Nogales Police Dept. has implemented the AZ Department of Health Services Screening Flow Chart. She gave a detailed explanation of the procedures they take.
- ❖ Jose Arriola presented a very detailed power point of Ebola.
- ❖ Chief Robles talked about their SOGs and stated that the whole department has been trained. After asking Officer Patterson to give an update on the other ports of entry there were comments and discussion by Chief Caid, Officer Patterson and Chief Robles. This was followed by a demonstration of the proper PPE and procedures by EMS Director Gerry Castro and Capt. Colunga.

Item 6. Call to the Public

- Augustin Huerta gave a report of the Dispatch Procedures.
- Murphy Woodhouse had some questions regarding Ebola to include if Santa Cruz County was at low risk for Ebola. Jose Arriola responded that it was very low risk.
- Louie Chaboya announced that the Border 2020 Emergency Preparedness Task Force meeting would take place on Dec 3rd and 4th at the Rio Rico Resort, and explained what these meeting would entail.

Item 7. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2014

Item 9. Adjournment

- Chief Carlos Parra motioned to adjourn.
- Gerry Castro seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.