

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
 245 EAST BONITA AVENUE
 SAN DIMAS

ATTENDANCE:

Members: **Staff/City Representatives - Guests:**

Karol Curtis excused	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair excused	Councilmember Emmett Badar excused
Tom Molina excused	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Ted Ross	
Randy Alva	Don Slawson, Captain SD Station
Norm Wiles excused	
Fred Ortiz	
Jim McCants, Vice Chair absent	
Patrick Jones	
Dawna Marshall	
Roger Therien	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Ross at 5:36 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – none
- III. Approval of the April 19, 2011 Minutes – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained from the approval.
- IV. Introduction of new commissioners Dawna Marshall and Roger Therien
- V. General Discussion – Household and/or Business Emergency Preparedness.
 - Confirm that household emergency preparedness is the foundation of an effective community preparedness plan
 - Key elements for household emergency preparedness (what is needed)
 - How to better achieve household emergency preparedness (what strategies would be most effective?)

Commissioners are asked to come to the meeting prepared with the answer to the following questions:

Is your household prepared for an emergency? Can you survive on your own for 72 hours – for 4 weeks? Do you have a plan for what family members would do should an unexpected event occur – at any time? If not, what is needed to help you become prepared?

The question was asked about elderly shut-ins – does the city have a way to track these situations. It was suggested that individual family situations and needs should be anticipated and planned for by the family – through neighbors if in another city etc. Suggestion to have emergency planning efforts put together on a neighborhood basis or level.

How about a listing of vendors to purchase food or supplies?

Listing of tools and instructions (such as do not turn off the gas unless you smell gas).

Encourage residents to sign up for Code Red – use Code Red for preparation notices.

Know where the food banks are located. Who has them and where are they.

Need more information on storage of water – how to handle it; what about swimming pools, etc.

Need information regarding utilities – the pros and cons of generators.

Need information regarding shelters – public shelters and the practicality of shelter in place requirements.

More information on the establishment of family emergency plans – contacting each member in different situations and different times of the day. Also give thought to neighborhood plans to meet each other's needs.

Need information on hygiene – how to address these needs in an emergency.

Regarding a stimulus to be prepared, the consensus was that the most effective encouragement to prepare comes from an emergency or disaster itself.

The focus and purpose of the city's household preparation plan is to be self-sufficient and self-reliant.

VI. Reports from Staff

Brief update of city projects and activities provided.

VII. Reports from Commissioners

No action items requested.

VIII. Adjournment in memory of Paul Kirby – next meeting – October 18, 2011, 5:30 pm. Community Action Team and Sheriff's Department report at the Sheriff's Station.