AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM
SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
270 SOUTH WALNUT
SAN DIMAS

I. Welcome and Call to Order
II. Business from the public not on the agenda
III. Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes
IV. Presentation – Active shooter incidents/situations. Training and awareness.
V. Report on recent Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions. Receive the City's summary of how it approaches CERT training and post training interests.
VI. Reports from Staff
VII. Reports from Commissioners
VIII. Adjournment – the next regular meeting of the Commission will be May 17, 2016 at City Hall 5:30 pm.

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MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016 5:30 PM
SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:	**Staff/City Representatives - Guests:**
Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair	City Council Emmett Badar
Jim McCants	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Patrick Jones	Duane Harris, San Dimas Station
Dawna Marshall	
Roger Therien	23 Guests
Cheryl Avelar	
Charles McGown	
Kevin Burke	
Josh Hibbard	
Ryan Vienna	
Gil Gonzales – excused	

I. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:32 pm.

II. Business from the public not on the agenda – City Manager Michaelis mentioned the recent retirement announcement of Commander Joe Hartshorne who served as Captain of San Dimas Station from June of 2007 until March 2011. Also noted that Commissioners will be helping with the Homeless Count January 26th.

III. Approval of the November 17, 2015 Minutes – Commissioners absent abstained from approval.

IV. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Avelar was elected as Chair – Commissioner Vienna was appointed Vice Chair. Appreciation extended to Alan Nash for his service as Chair.

V. Review of 2016 Commission Meeting Calendar

The Commission meeting in March will focus on Active Shooter training and information. Parks Bureau will be invited to participate in the May Commission meeting.

VI. Receive report from Commission Subcommittee regarding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training

The Commission Subcommittee of Commissioners Vienna, Hibbard, and Jones provided their report. Commissioner Hibbard provided an overview and history of the CERT program and training effort, noting its beginnings in Southern California. The focus was to develop the program as an emergency preparedness tool and resource. Commissioner Vienna extended appreciation to those that helped with this effort and the participation of those that responded with an interest in CERT. Commissioner

Vienna summarized the background and history of CERT in San Dimas – reviewed the strengths and weaknesses and the opportunities and threats to the community's well-being. He summarized the activities of the subcommittee in organizing a community meeting with presentations from the Claremont CERT program. LACoSD and LACoFD CERT trainings and programs. Commissioner Jones presented information regarding Upland's CERT program.
Commissioner Vienna outlined the response process with emergency response and the identification with critical infrastructure evaluation. He summarized other key results areas and introduced the goal to recognize a Community Emergency Response Team allowing for citizens to become affiliated and organized with the city. The next goal would be to attract, develop, and retain an outstanding workforce for emergency preparedness. To also improve the effectiveness of communication at all levels with key stakeholders (city, fire department, sheriff's department, citizens, etc.). To also engage all citizens in emergency and disaster preparedness dialogue to make our community safer. Finally, to foster trust and dependability through the incorporation of the Community Emergency Response Teams into the city model.
A timeline and plan of action was presented to address the recommended goals and recommendations.

A discussion ensued to request information and exchange ideas.

To conclude the discussion, it was recommended that the City Manager work on a possible summary regarding how the city would approach a CERT program and opportunity for the Commission's information. In the meantime, the city recognizes the expressed interest in CERT training and if the Fire Department can accommodate this interest by putting together a schedule to conduct a full CERT training class and a 'Continuing Education CERT class for those that have been through the full training; the city would publicize it.

VII. Reports from Staff – reminder of the Commission's participation in the Homeless Count January 26, 2016 at 8 pm. Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:30 pm January 19th, 2016.

VIII. Reports from Commissioners
Commissioner McCants expressed his appreciation for being able to serve on the Commission – his service will soon be ending. Commissioner Nash also thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve as well – this would be his last meeting.

IX. Adjournment at 7:30 pm – the next regular meeting of the Commission will be March 15, 2016 at City Hall 5:30 pm.

City of San Dimas
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training
Emergency Preparation

It is quite possible that a major regional disaster will overwhelm the ability of local governments to meet the needs of their residents – for an extended length of time. Residents will be on their own to meet their emergency and daily needs. Within hours of the event they will start to need food, water, first aid, medicines, and hygiene options. They will need to communicate with family members and will need to make decisions regarding their shelter and safety. The best way to work through these potential issues is for residents to prepare for emergency situations and disasters. This preparation will provide peace of mind, allow for survival, and will help make it possible for neighbors to help neighbors and to shelter in place.

There are many effective programs and activities that will help households prepare for emergencies and disasters. One of them is to participate in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training as conducted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The focus of CERT training is to help participants develop a good general background on the types of hazards most likely to affect their community; instruction on how to prepare a household for a disaster; and instruction on various skills that will help residents be effective in dealing with an emergency or disaster situation in their neighborhood.

The City of San Dimas sees the fundamental importance of household preparation and training for disasters and emergencies. CERT with its neighborhood focus is one of the ways to achieve this preparation and skill development. For those reasons, the city supports CERT training for interested residents. The CERT course takes several meetings and almost 30 hours to complete. For those that may not be able to set aside that amount of time or focus, there are other very successful and efficient preparedness programs available for households and neighborhoods – internet based programs such as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" http://www.nhnpreparedness.com/ is a good example.

San Dimas' approach regarding CERT trained residents

The City of San Dimas sees the benefit and merit of the CERT program. We especially support the focus for graduates to *take their training into their household and then their neighborhood* to establish, organize, and administer effective neighborhood preparedness and response programs. Therefore the city will support and coordinate the establishment of CERT training classes as interest is expressed and as the County Fire Department has the ability and resources to convene training classes. While personal and neighborhood preparation is the first priority, the City understands there may be other individual interests residents may have after completing CERT training. As such, the City is open to meeting with CERT trained residents to explore options that may be of interest to them, options such as:

- Applying to be a volunteer with the San Dimas Sheriff's Department in a number of existing volunteer programs (contact Community Volunteer Coordinator to inquire).
- Possible volunteer opportunities with the city (contact city's Assistant City Manager to inquire). The City's formal Emergency Response Plan and Emergency Operations Center is staffed by full-time city employees, however, there may be other elements of a community emergency response or preparation plan that could be of interest to CERT graduates.
- The City's highest community priority is household emergency/disaster preparation. This is also a major objective and purpose of CERT training. Therefore the City's direct encouragement is for CERT graduates to volunteer to assist San Dimas households and neighborhoods achieve meaningful emergency and disaster preparedness.

SUMMARY

The city will periodically monitor resident interest in CERT training. If there appears to be initial interest, the city will contact the Los Angeles County Fire Department to see if there is the capacity and willingness to convene a CERT class or if there is a pending class that is accepting applications. If LACoFire is ready to go; the city will work with the Department to secure a location for the class and make the registration information available to city residents.

Upon completion of the class/training; CERT trained residents are welcome to meet with the Sheriff's Department (Community Volunteer Coordinator) if there is an interest in becoming a Station volunteer; or with the city (Assistant City Manager) if they desire to explore other volunteer options.