

**Town of Fairfax
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Thursday, March 4, 2010
4:30 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road**

Minutes

In attendance: Lew Tremaine, Mayor; Ken Hughes, Police Chief; Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Helene Drumm, Captain Craig Carroll, Chief Roger Meager, Ross Valley Fire Service; Bruce Stahley, OES; Gail Wiemann, Fairfax Library; Cindy Swift, At Large.

Maria Baird convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The December 4, 2009 minutes were approved with the following change by Bruce Stahley: Miles Juhain will be providing an update on H1N1. Cindy Swift had a question on the minutes, if the simulated drill planned for late fall will be for all the Town residents, or just Town staff. Maria replied it will be for Town staff at this point.

1. **Board Member Reports**-Bruce distributed a report released by CAL-EMA a study of Household Preparedness: *Preparing California for Earthquakes*. Ken reported that the Police Department is modifying the Emergency Operations Plan to include County of Marin specific language changes. Craig reported he presented an overview of the CERT/Get Ready Marin programs to 15 Town of San Anselmo staff members.
2. **CERT Update and Get Ready Program**-Craig indicated he had the minimum required 15 attendees at the last CERT training. He will be offering re-certification soon. On the "Get Ready Marin" program, he finished training the Ross Valley School District's 5th grade level (10 classes totaling 250 kids). He also attended a county-wide CERT meeting in Kentfield. The goal is to standardize the CERT training program by January 2011 so that it is offered county-wide, rather than by individual fire departments.
3. **County of Marin Disaster Council activities**- Bruce reported this group met earlier this afternoon at the Civic Center. The big topic on the agenda was the Haiti earthquake. A total of 250,000 residents died, 300,000 were left homeless, and 1 million were injured. In Chile, the outcome was 1,000 deaths, and 5 million homeless. In Turkey, which recently had a 6.0 earthquake, there were 41 deaths reported. The recent earthquake in Chile resulted in a tsunami alert to California coastal communities. Bruce reported it took 1.5 hours to

activate the telephone emergency service. The National Park Service closed the local seashores. There is a Marin tsunami video made by the county that is being video cast on the gchannel emergency preparedness. March 22nd through 26th is National Tsunami week.

Additionally at the meeting, Dr. Fred Schwartz gave an update on the H1N1 flu epidemic. There were 5 deaths reported in Marin in 2009.

4. **Update on Town Fire Forum** –Roger reported the Town Fire Forum was held on January 30th with fairly good attendance, approximately 50 people. Ray Moritz, a local arborist, gave multiple presentations. The topics covered were fire codes, fire hydrants, fire sprinklers, defensible space, and why they are required.
5. **Fuel Reduction/Fire Grant status** –Roger reported the grant is in the EIR review stage. They have started the process of retaining the services of a Community Education and Outreach Coordinator for the grant. Components of the grant include roadside clearance, chipper days, dealing with invasive species, and Sudden Oak Death tree removal. It is a two year grant.
6. **Town of Fairfax Safety Fair**-Maria announced this event is scheduled for May 15th, to coincide with National Public Works Safety Week. The disaster preparedness fair will be held in Bolinas Park from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Town Hall will hold an open house that day for the public. Tables & chairs will be set up in the grove for the agencies invited to participate in the fair, which include: OES, Red Cross, Marin Municipal Water District, Ross Valley School District, and the Marin Humane Society. Bruce would like to extend the invitation to the RACES team. Roger suggested that Fire Safe Marin also be invited. There was also a suggestion that a booth on H1N1 be included at the event, with a county representative. Cindy suggested having a blood drive in conjunction with the event and will follow up with information to Maria. Maria requested the Fire Department barbecue hot dogs at the event, which they will do in front of the fire house. Maria added she will ask the Humane Society if they would like to bring animals for pet adoptions. Mayor Lew Tremaine added it might be a good draw to provide music at the event. Maria will call local musician Jack Irving to see if he is available.
7. **Next meeting**- scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at 4:30 p.m.