

Council Meeting of
September 18, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee – Report on the meeting of April 26, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

Public Safety Committee recommends that City Council accept and file the report of the Committee meeting on April 26, 2007.

Funding

N/A

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

The Torrance City Council Committee on Public Safety met on April 26, 2007. The focus of this meeting was to present an update regarding the City's Animal Disaster Response Team. This presentation highlighted important information on City Animal Control and Animal Related Mutual Aid Resources, as well as a report on the Disaster Preparedness Expo.

The Committee meeting began with the presentation, which was given by the Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) Team. This presentation provided the Committee members with background on City Animal Control, which was established in February 2004, and on its day-to-day operations as a prime resource for responding to local animal disasters. The following Animal Control personnel were listed as being under the direction of the Traffic and Special Events Division Commander:

- 1 Full Time Animal Control Supervisor
- 2 Full Time Animal Control Officers
- 1 Staff Assistant

In addition, the presentation enumerated the following Animal Related Mutual Aid Resources:

- Redondo Beach Animal Control
- Manhattan Beach Animal Control

- Hermosa Beach Animal Control
- El Segundo Animal Control
- Hawthorne Animal Control
- Los Angeles County Animal Control
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Los Angeles Chapter (SPCA-LA)
- LA County's County Animal Response Team (CART)

The E-Prep Team discussed the integration of Animal Control and Mutual Aid with the Disaster Plan update. Both will be under the Law Branch of the Operations Section of the City Emergency Operations Center. Furthermore, the newly formed Animal Disaster Team (ADT), which is a part of the City's Disaster Service Volunteer (DSV) program, will work from the direction of City Animal Control to provide animal related assistance focused toward the care and feeding of rescued or displaced animals during disasters. The City's Emergency Services staff and Animal Control are actively recruiting Torrance community members to join the ADT. Members will be registered as City of Torrance Disaster Service Volunteers, providing both liability and workers compensation for them.

The E-Prep Team presentation also reported on the Disaster Preparedness Expo in recognition of National Disaster Preparedness Month. The Expo will be happening on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Invitation letters were mailed out the on first week of May 2007, and a contract with In-N-Out Burger as the food vendor for the Expo was announced to the Committee. Other potential vendors and participants were listed on page five of Attachment B. The Expo will offer disaster preparedness supplies, displays, and training.

The E-Prep Team met with Karen Kristy, representing the Torrance Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), on February 13, 2007, to discuss the possibility of partnering with the PTA to accomplish the Committee's goals. Recommendations included the PTA assisting to promote the Disaster Preparedness Expo within schools and student/parent packets and the PTA having a booth at the Expo to promote school/child preparedness. The Team spoke about the consensus for a continual relationship with the PTA to promote disaster preparedness within the schools and the greater Torrance community.

In closing, an update was reported on the revitalization of Neighborhood Watch. Staff is in the process of completing an assessment of an expanded Community Affairs Division of the Torrance Police Department consistent with the Chief's vision for increased community education and outreach. The new program includes partnerships with existing City of Torrance Disaster Service Volunteers, with a renewed emphasis to promote public safety awareness. Revitalizing neighborhood watch is a priority of the Chief and Command Staff. The expected target date for the program is December 2007.

For the next meeting's agenda, the Committee recommended further collaboration between the DSV and homeowners associations. Carolin Keith, Downstream West Region Public Affairs Manager for the Exxon Mobil Corporation, also suggested a

community awareness campaign educating about chemical disasters, with Exxon Mobil as a possible partner in the Disaster Preparedness Expo.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky, Chair



Councilman Tom Brewer

Councilman Bill Sutherland



Attachments: A) Torrance City Council Public Safety Committee Agenda – April 26, 2007
B) Power Point Presentation: E-PREP Updates and Reports

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2007

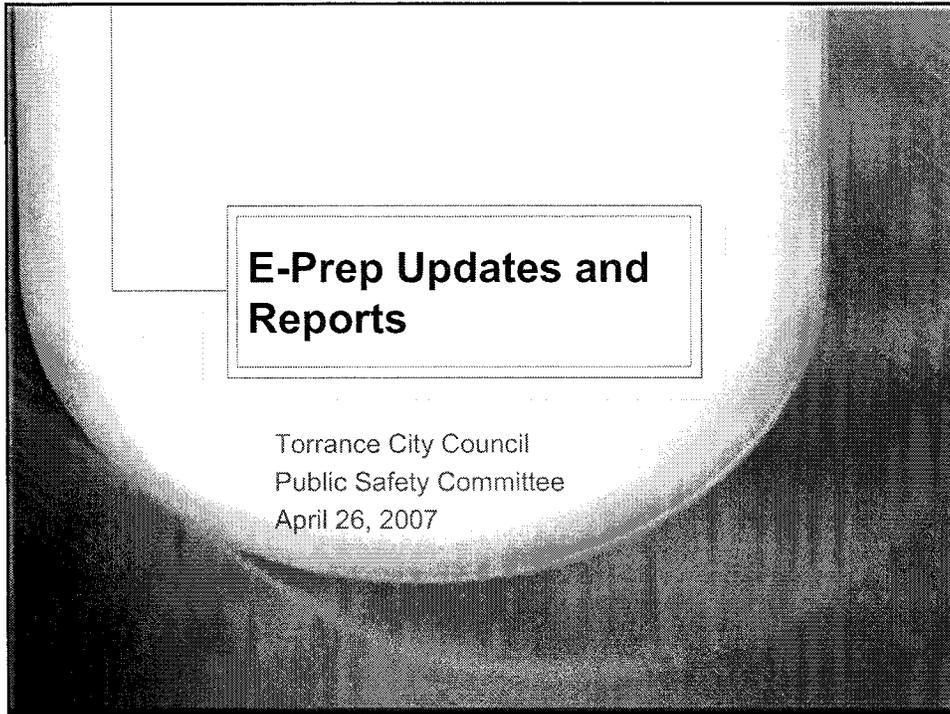
TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Torrance City Hall
West Annex Commission Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky, Chair
Councilman Tom Brewer, Member
Councilman Bill Sutherland, Member

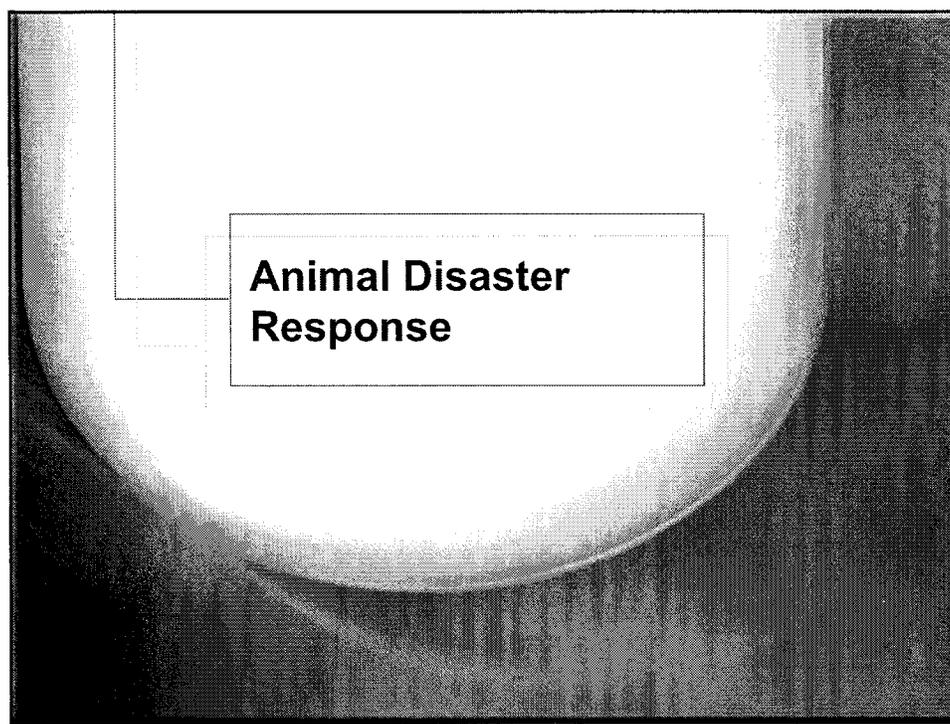
STAFF: Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager
E-PREP Team:
Brian K. Sunshine, Assistant to the City Manager
Ted Semaan, Transportation Planner
Kevin Kreager, Police Captain
Dave Dumais, Division Chief
Jon Megeff, Lieutenant
Andrew Pachon, Emergency Services Coordinator

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- I. Welcome and Introductions *Chair Witkowsky*
- II. Focus of Committee: Update Regarding Animal Disaster Response *Chair Witkowsky*
- Interphase with Disaster Plan Update
 - City Animal Control
 - Mutual Aid
 - Animal Disaster Team
- III. Reports *E-PREP Team*
- Animal Disaster Team/Disaster Plan Update
 - Disaster Expo
 - PTA Interphase
 - Neighborhood Watch Update
- IV. Next Steps *Committee/E-PREP Team*
- V. Closing/Adjournment *Chair Witkowsky*



E-Prep Updates and Reports

Torrance City Council
Public Safety Committee
April 26, 2007



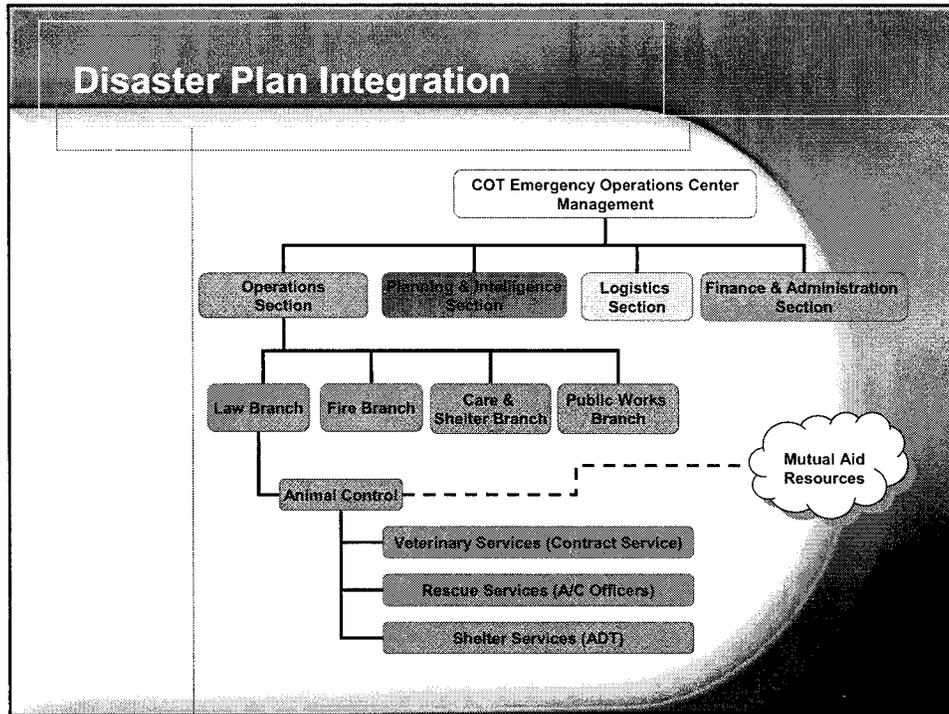
Animal Disaster Response

COT Animal Control

- Est. February 2004
- Day-to-Day operations
 - Under the direction of the Traffic & Special Events Division Commander:
 - (1) Full Time A/C Supervisor
 - (2) Full Time A/C Officers
 - (1) Staff Assistant
- Prime resource to respond to local disasters.

Animal Related Mutual Aid Resources

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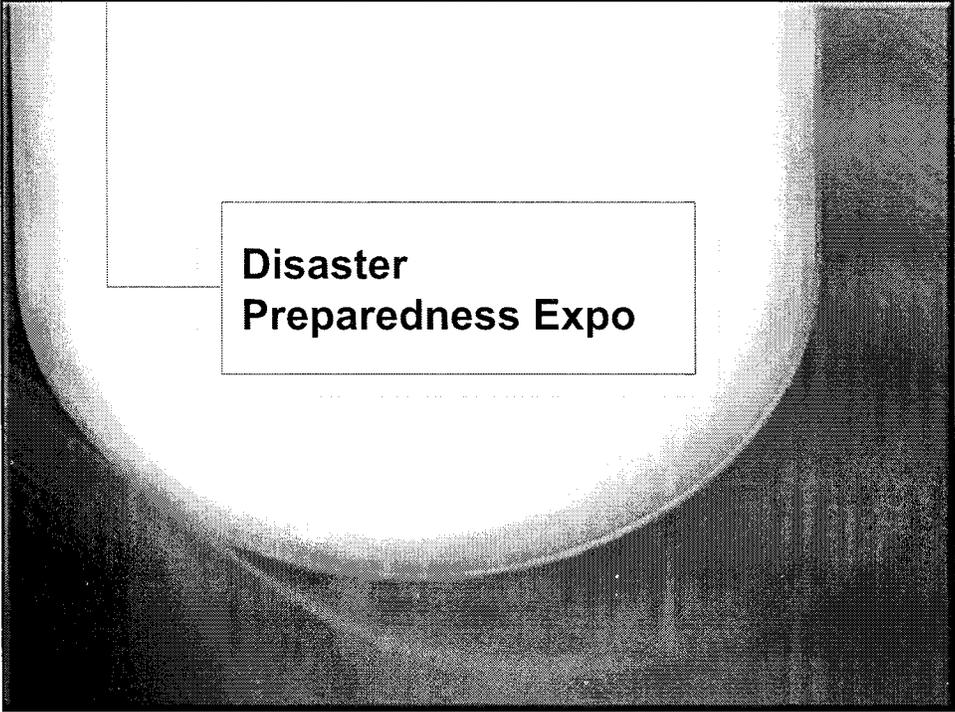


Animal Disaster Team (ADT)

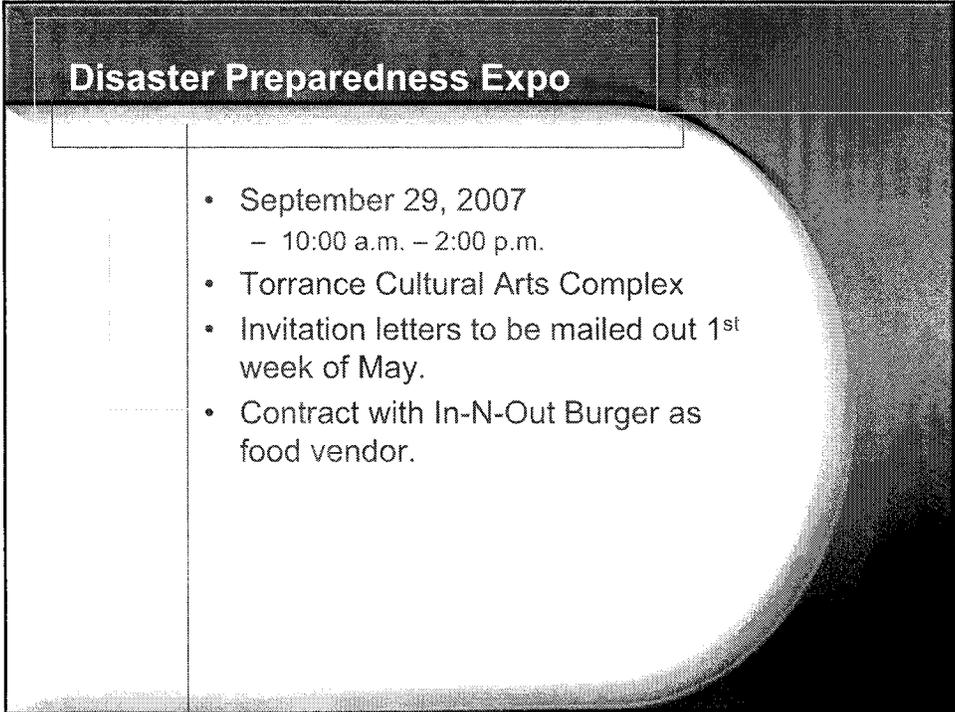
- Newly formed ADT a part of the City's Disaster Service Volunteer (DSV) program.
- City's Emergency Services staff and Animal Control actively recruiting COT community members to join the ADT.
- Membership will be registered as COT Disaster volunteers.
 - Providing both liability and workers compensation projection for volunteers.
- ADT will work under the direction of COT Animal Control to provide:
 - Animal related assistance during a disaster focused toward the care and feeding of rescued or displaced animals.



City of Tequesta
Animal Disaster Team



Disaster Preparedness Expo



Disaster Preparedness Expo

- September 29, 2007
 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Torrance Cultural Arts Complex
- Invitation letters to be mailed out 1st week of May.
- Contract with In-N-Out Burger as food vendor.

Disaster Preparedness Expo

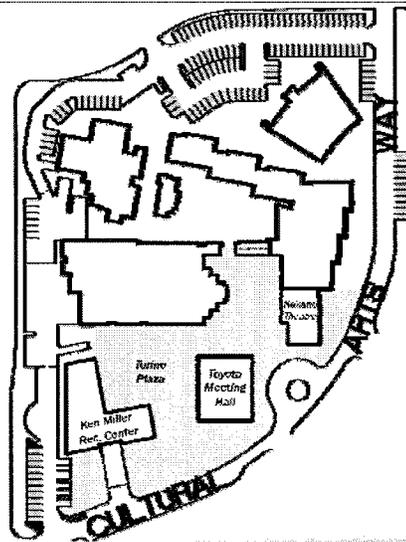
- Potential Vendors/Participants
 - 911kits
 - American Red Cross
 - A-Plus Fire Extinguishers
 - BCHD Medical Reserve Corps
 - Cal Olympic Safety
 - Civil Air Patrol
 - COT Disaster Services Volunteer Programs
 - COT Library
 - COT Disaster Council
 - Earth Shakes, Inc.
 - Earthquake Management
 - Earthquake Solutions
 - Emergency Safety Management
 - Extend-A-Life
 - Fastening Solutions
 - First Choice Fire Protection
 - Grainger
 - Harbor Tools

- Potential Vendors/Participants (cont'd)
 - Home Depot
 - Humanscale
 - LA County Sheriff's Arson and Explosives Unit
 - Lowes
 - Major Surplus and Supplies
 - Mayday Industries Inc.
 - Pelican™ Products, Inc.
 - Q-Safety
 - Quake Kare Inc.
 - Quake Proof
 - Redondo Marine Hardware
 - Safe T Quake
 - Safe-T-Proof
 - Salvation Army
 - Simpler Life Emergency Provisions, Inc.
 - SOS Survival Products
 - Southern California Edison Company
 - Southern California Gas Company

Disaster Preparedness Expo

- Potential Vendors/Participants (cont'd)
 - Survival Suppliers
 - Survival Supplies
 - Survivor Industries
 - Torrance Fire Department
 - Torrance Memorial Medical Center
 - Torrance Police Department
 - TUSD PTA Disaster Preparedness
 - Vector Inc.
 - Zee Medical

Disaster Preparedness Expo



Disaster Preparedness Expo

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

10 AM - 2 PM
September 29

Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503

OFFICIAL DONOR: PRINCE OF GEORGES COUNTY

GET THE THINGS YOU NEED!
- Local vendors
- Disaster supplies

DISPLAYS!
- Equipment
- Vehicles
- Supplies

TRAINING!
- What you need to do & know

City of Torrance
City Council
Mayor: Peter F. Kelly
Aldermen:
Steve Hirsch
Pat Williams
Tom W. Manning
Dorothy Williams
Alan Wilkerson
City Clerk
Doreen Wilson
City Treasurer
Cynthia M. Givens
City Manager
John J. Jackson

PTA Interphase

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- Met with PTA Disaster Preparedness Representative (Karen Kristy) on February 13th.
- PTA assisting to promote Disaster Preparedness Expo within schools and student/parent packets.
- PTA will have a booth at the Disaster Preparedness Expo to promote school/child preparedness.
- Continual relationship with the PTA to promote disaster preparedness within the schools and greater COT community.

Neighborhood Watch Update

Neighborhood Watch Update

- Staff is in the process of completing an assessment of an expanded Community Affairs Division.
 - Consistent with Chief's vision for increased community education/outreach (prevention and education).
- Staff waiting for findings of this project prior to proceeding forward.
- New program to partner with existing COT Disaster Service Volunteers.
- Renewed emphasis to promote public safety awareness.
- Expected target date:
December 2007