

Council Meeting  
July 15, 2008

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

### **Members of the City Council**

**SUBJECT:** Police – Approve a proposal for City co-sponsorship of free CPR training for Torrance residents. Expenditure: None.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Disaster Council that City Council approve a proposal for the City of Torrance to co-sponsor, with Torrance Memorial Medical Center, a free CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course for Torrance residents.

### **FUNDING**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center will provide the space, instructor(s), and manuals for this course, free of charge.

### **BACKGROUND**

During the Disaster Council meeting of March 26, 2008, Disaster Council Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a letter (Attachment A) to the City Council, recommending that the City Council consider and approve a proposal to co-sponsor, with Torrance Memorial Medical Center, a free, three-hour CPR course for Torrance residents.

The benefits of such a course are as follows:

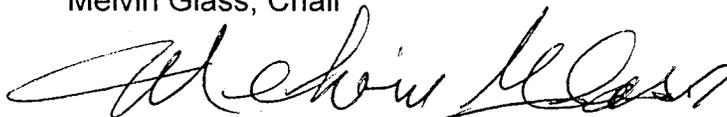
1. CPR training has been revised in recent years and many of those who received this training, even within the past three years, will learn something new.
2. Those who have never received CPR training will be attracted to the course for its life-saving information presented in a short, three-hour Saturday-morning program.
3. Unlike traditional CPR classes that tend to target audiences who need official CPR certification for employment purposes, this course serves to provide essential life-saving training to the broader Torrance community.

- 4. Such a class may also spark interest in more extensive emergency preparedness training, which would also benefit the City.

Co-sponsoring this course with Torrance Memorial Medical Center will provide a free three-hour CPR course to Torrance residents in the fall of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

DISASTER COUNCIL  
Melvin Glass, Chair



JOHN J. NEU  
CHIEF OF POLICE

By  Lieutenant Jon Megeff  
Emergency Services Division Commander

CONCUR:

  
John J. Neu  
Chief of Police

  
LeRoy D. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment A: Letter dated March 26, 2008 from Torrance Disaster Council to City Council

March 26, 2008

**Mayor and Council Members**

City of Torrance  
3031 Torrance Boulevard  
Torrance, California 90503

*RE: City and TMMC Co-Sponsor CPR Class for Torrance Residents*

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Torrance Disaster Council respectfully requests that the City Council consider and approve a proposal that the City of Torrance co-sponsor with the Torrance Memorial Medical Center (TMMC) a free, three-hour CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) class for Torrance residents in the fall of 2008.

The impetus for this class is two-fold: 1) CPR training has been updated and simplified in recent years. Many people trained in CPR just 3 three years ago stand to benefit from an update or refresher course. Residents who have never received such training will be attracted to the course for its life-saving information presented in a short, three-hour Saturday-morning program. 2) Traditional CPR classes tend to target audiences who need official CPR certification for employment purposes. The Disaster Council believes that the broader Torrance community should also be served by providing essential life-saving training to those who do not necessarily need the training for work, but who are interested in being educated and prepared for everyday life. We are thinking of soon-to-be grandparents who are soon-to-be babysitters; spouses who would like to know what to do if a loved one passes out at a restaurant; children who are taking care of elderly relatives. Such a class may also spark interest in more extensive emergency preparedness training, which would also benefit the City.

The Disaster Council has already received a verbal commitment from Judy Retter, TMMC Director of Emergency Management and Community Programs, that TMMC is willing to provide the space, the instructors, and the manuals for this course, using the American Heart Association's science guidelines and teaching material. The City's commitment would involve primarily volunteer and some staff time to coordinate advertising in advance and support on the date of the event. We envision that if this one-time course is a success, annual courses may be offered on a rotating basis in the future.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued commitment to emergency preparedness for all in the City of Torrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Torrance Disaster Council