

Council Meeting
July 27, 2010

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

FUNDING

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

During the Disaster Council meeting of March 24, 2010, Disaster Council Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a letter to the City Council (Attachment A), recommending that the City Council consider and approve a proposal to co-sponsor, with Torrance Memorial Medical Center, two, free, three-hour CPR courses for Torrance residents on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The benefits of such a course are as follows:

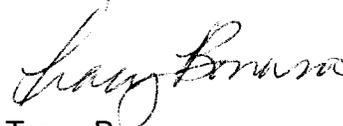
1. Torrance Memorial Medical Center will provide the space, instructor(s), and manuals for this course, free of charge.
2. CPR training has been revised over the years and many of those who received this training, even within the past three years, will learn something new.
3. Those who have never received CPR training will be attracted to the course for its life-saving information presented in a short, three-hour, Saturday morning program.
4. 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.

5. Such a class may spark interest in more extensive emergency preparedness training in the community.

Staff concurs with the Disaster Council and recommends that the City co-sponsor this free CPR training for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU
CHIEF OF POLICE



By Tracy Bonano
Emergency Services Coordinator

CONCUR:



John J. Neu
Chief of Police



Melvin Glass
Disaster Council Chair



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: Letter dated July 8, 2010 from Torrance Disaster Council

July 8, 2010

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) two, free three-hour CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for Torrance residents on Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

The impetus for this class is two-fold: 1) CPR training has been updated and simplified over the 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 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; and 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Glass', written over a horizontal line.

Mel Glass, Torrance Disaster Council Chair