

Council Meeting of
October 12, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Police - Accept and file Disaster Council 2009-2010 Annual Report.
Expenditure: None.**

RECOMMENDATION

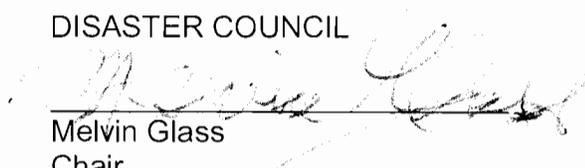
Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Disaster Council that City Council accept and file the Disaster Council 2009-2010 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as prepared by the Disaster Council, is attached for the City Council's information and review. The Disaster Council approved this report at its meeting on September 22, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

DISASTER COUNCIL



Melvin Glass
Chair

CONCUR:



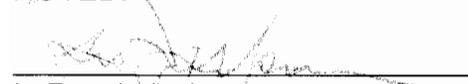
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By Lt. Mark Athan
Community Affairs Division Commander

NOTED:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: Disaster Council 2009-2010 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT
TORRANCE DISASTER COUNCIL
CITY OF TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION
JULY 2009 – JUNE 2010

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Members of the Council

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>First Appointed</u>
Melvin Glass - CHAIR	1-16-2007	1-15-2011	1-14-2003
Kathleen Galbasin - VICE CHAIR	1-16-2009	1-16-2013	1-11-2005
Kristin Matsuda (Term Ended Mid-Year)	1-16-2006	1-15-2010	1-10-2006
Ghislaine Davis	1-16-2008	1-15-2012	1-16-2008
Sue Siani	1-16-2010	1-15-2014	1-19-2010

Staff support provided by Lieutenant Mark Athan and Tracy Bonano of the Torrance Police Department.

Purpose of the Commission

The Disaster Council is governed by the Torrance Municipal Code, Division 1, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 16.2 and 16.2.2. It provides recommendations to the City Council on matters pertinent to the development of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery plans and programs for any potential local emergency. It performs surveys of disaster readiness in the city and disseminates information to the public. Disaster Council meetings also provide for communication and coordination between the public and private sectors of the city in analyzing local hazards and developing response plans.

The Disaster Council consists of four appointed Commissioners plus representatives of city departments, Torrance businesses, industry, citizen groups and organizations concerned with the City's disaster preparedness.

The Disaster Council held ten monthly meetings this past year on the fourth Wednesday of the month for communication between all interested groups. The Agenda for each meeting is prepared for, and distributed to, the Disaster Council prior to scheduled meetings and posted on the Torrance Commissions and Advisory Boards Disaster Council web site.

Summary of Council Activities

- Update on Emergency Services Division of the Police Department. Emergency Services programs will not change, but will be merged with and become a section of the Community Affairs Division.
- Update from the Fire Department on the plans to move the Public Education Officer into Fire Prevention.
- Emergency Preparedness Pamphlets for Senior's have been printed and distributed to the Libraries, Bartlett Center and posted on the City's Disaster Preparedness Website.
- Update on the approval of the placement of defibrillators donated by Torrance Memorial Medical Center (TMMC). Update provided by representatives of the Fire Department, Emergency Services and TMMC. The Fire Department will keep the project on their list and report to the Disaster Council on progress in the future.
- The Disaster Council was given an update on the H1N1 situation from Providence Little Company of Mary and TMMC on how their hospitals have prepared and how they have prioritized vaccinations.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Health and City of Torrance POD (Point of Dispensing) event was held at Wilson Park. The purpose of the event was to give vaccinations for H1N1 to the defined priority populations (pregnant women, people between the ages of 6 months to 24 years, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, etc.). Reports indicated the Torrance walk in event was better received than other city drive through events. The event was a great success. The Police Department and Disaster Service Volunteers helped control traffic and move people through the lines.
- The Disaster Expo held in October at the Cultural Arts Center was a huge success with several thousand in attendance. The Disaster Council participated along with local hospitals, businesses, emergency service and equipment providers, Disaster Service Volunteers and county agencies.
- In January, Commissioner Sue Siani was appointed to the Disaster Council. The Disaster Council thanks former Commissioner Kristin Matsuda for her hard work on the Council and wishes her well in her new endeavors.
- The Disaster Council arranged to have another CPR class for Torrance residents with TMMC. A letter requesting support was sent to the City Council. The event will be held on October 9, 2010 and the Disaster Council thanks the City Council for their support of this event.
- The Disaster Council has also held several discussions based on the update of the City of Torrance's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Input to the Plan is ongoing.
- The Disaster Council also received disaster preparedness monthly status reports from the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD), American Red Cross (ARC), Torrance Police Department (TPD), Torrance Fire Department (TFD), Torrance libraries, TMMC and PLCM Hospitals along with various Torrance businesses and Home Owners Associations (HOA's).

Summary

Emergency preparedness is of great importance to the City and members of the community. The Disaster Council wishes to thank each city department, members of the community and businesses who work together to see that the City is well prepared for emergencies – natural and/or human made.

In addition, the Disaster Council thanks the members of the City Council for their support and leadership and appreciates being part of the effort to keep Torrance a safe place to live and work. We also want to thank Lieutenant Mark Athan of the Torrance Police Department for his support and help this past year.

Finally, we want to thank Tracy Bonano, Emergency Services Coordinator, for her untiring work and support of the Disaster Council and the City. As of this writing she has announced that she will be leaving the City and the Disaster Council wishes her well in her future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Melvin Glass
Chairperson, Disaster Council
City of Torrance