



City of San Bruno
Emergency Preparedness Committee

January 20, 2022 Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

2. **ROLL CALL** **Present** **Absent**

Committee Members:

Ron LaPedis: Chair		X
Malcolm Robinson: Vice Chair	X	
Janet Lutus: Member	X	
George Peponis: Member	X	
Zidane Mili: Member	X	

Ex-Officio Members

Dave Dornlas: S.B. Amateur Radio Club	X	
Doug Kunze: Red Cross	X	
Jenni Williams: Red Cross	X	

Staff Members

Gage Schlice: Fire Emergency Manager	X	
Ari Delay: Fire Chief	X	
Garrison Sexson: Police	X	

Council Liaison

Michael Salazar	X	
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3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

a. Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved as read

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – Michael Salazar introduced himself as the new Council Liaison

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – A.** A discussion of Public Service Announcements {PSAs} included items on the Fire Department Preparedness Calendar about winter safety. These include keeping smoke and carbon monoxide detectors up to date and the proper placement of each type of detector. Smoke detectors should

be fairly high up on the wall and carbon monoxide detectors should be low to the ground. Also, winter weather means possible power outages and the need to have a backup generator. Also, there are CERT videos on YouTube for those interested.

B. There have been many changes to our Committee bylaws per the Municipal Code, 2.48130. Malcolm suggested forming a sub-committee to study all the changes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Malcolm and George to this sub-committee.

6. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**



7. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

a. Fire Update – A Covid testing site has been set up in Narita Plaza between the Library and City Hall. This will be open Monday-Friday from 8-5. Appointments must be made in advance. A half-day CERT refresher session is planned in March or April. The date is TBD.

b. Police Update – Thefts including catalytic converters continue to be a problem as well as other thefts with use of firearms. More enforcement is going on with the collaboration of BART police in and near Tanforan. Tanforan seems to be a magnet for crooks and smash and grabs are happening. To the public: if you see something suspicious, say something.

8. **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**

a. Radio Club: Dave Dornlas the new President called a casual meeting at Starbucks to discuss future activities including having a Mesh Net for Emergency Communications in the event of a disaster. Hardware to support this already exists in several counties including the USS Hornet in Alameda. Also discussed was placement of the San Bruno repeater and antenna and having an exercise to check propagation all around different areas of San Bruno. SB has many canyons, gullies and large stands of trees all of which can block radio signals.

b. CERT: A possible CERT refresher course is set for March or April. Janet mentioned a booklet available from “Rite in the Rain” which has the CERT course in it. It's good to refer to.

c. Red Cross: Rita Ewing is leaving the local Red Cross group and a replacement is being sought. Starting on April 3, the cities of San Mateo,

Belmont and Foster City will be having a smoke detector installation event. One for San Bruno will be sometime in mid-May. These new smoke detectors are 10-year ones with sealed batteries and are installed free of charge. The date of purchase is printed on the side. Appointments can be made by calling {650}259-1759. Even though these are sealed battery devices, they should still be tested once a month. A shelter location is being sought for San Bruno since the old one, the old Rec Center is gone. The Fire Department will be making that decision. The planned renovations on the Building in Burlingame is still waiting on permits. VOAD, {Voluntary Organisation Active in Disaster} is in the process of being set up in San Mateo County. There were two fires in San Mateo that displaced eight people.

d. Upcoming Events: A blood drive is scheduled for June 2022 and the San Mateo County Preparedness Day at the San Mateo Event Center will be on July 30.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

The next meeting will be February 17 at 6:30pm