



CITY of CALABASAS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 18, 2021

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** OCTOBER 25, 2021

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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT**

**EOC Training** – selected City staff began Emergency Operations Center training with 2 basic online FEMA courses (“Intro to Incident Command System - 100” and “Intro to National Incident Management System - 700”) and watched a drill produced for Topanga Canyon. This on-line, live drill was in response to a realistic fire scenario which progresses during the course of the event, resulting in evacuation by zones. The event will feature active responses by Fire, Law Enforcement, Office of Emergency Management, and Animal Control. Additional training and drills will be scheduled with staff.

**Regional Evacuation Planning** – Working with the Office of Emergency Management and the COG cities on emergency evacuation planning using the Zonehaven system. It is a reliable source for evacuation information and resources, bridging the gap between first responders and community members, and giving instant alerts and clear communication.

**Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Grant** – Staff is in the process of applying for a grant for wildfire resiliency projects.

**Wildfire Prevention & Safety Town Hall event** – Ambassador Girl Scout Lila Guillory, student at Calabasas High School and a member of the Calabasas Environmental Commission, is working on her Gold Award Leadership project. This town hall meeting is one segment of her project. Staff will be working with her on advertising and coordinating the speakers for a community Town Hall to discuss on-going wildfire prevention and safety. This will be a virtual town hall meeting scheduled for November 17 at 7:00 pm.

**EPIC Update** - Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas - a Fire Safe Council (EPIC-FSC) is continuing its rapid growth toward fulfilling its mission of helping Calabasas residents become more prepared for the next natural disaster; and what comes thereafter. With more than a dozen volunteers - and a partnership with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains - EPIC-FSC is expanding its capabilities in home hardening evaluations, ECHO (an emergency communications platform uniquely developed for Calabasas residents), and the creation of simple instructional videos relating to earthquake preparation and recovery.

**Flu Clinic Update** – 583 seasonal flu vaccines were administered by Passport Health Los Angeles, Inc. to Calabasas residents on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

**Crime Prevention** – Chair Boucher and Vice Chair Slatoff will form the crime prevention subcommittee and work with staff to prepare for a crime prevention and emergency preparedness fair in Spring of 2022.

**CERP Radio Net** – Norm Goodkin recently conducted a drill which introduced how to move to another repeater during a directed net and continue the directed net on the other repeater. The exercise was successful, in that it demonstrated that most of our amateurs had not only the skills, but the necessary radio equipment. He has other exercised planned to send radio messages over internet for emergency messaging.

**City Repeater** – Consultant KR Nida replaced backup battery system at the repeater site. Staff received a quote on installing a 600 Watt Ground Based Solar System for the repeater (includes city and ham radios, and AM radio station).

**Alert & Warning Planning with COG cities** – the COG cities along with the Office of Emergency Management, Los Angeles County Fire, City of Los Angeles, and several other county offices met to discuss improving Alert and Warning coordination (to make sure we are all on the same page).

**Great Shakeout** – see attachment for Shakeout social media campaign. Individual graphics were posted on all city social media platforms. The City plans on conducting an earthquake drill after the October 21<sup>st</sup> scheduled date.

**Pumpkin Festival Booth** – Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness had a booth at the Pumpkin Festival with Amber Gendein and Sharon Boucher helping out (see attached pictures). Emergency preparedness materials were available. We had a spinning wheel with emergency preparedness questions, and if you answered correctly, you received a gift bag with flashlight, car charger with USB, glow sticks and of course, lots of emergency preparedness literature. A raffle was also conducted and the winners were from Calabasas, Camarillo and Simi Valley. Three attendees each won an emergency roadside car kit.

**PSPS** - Public Safety Power Shutoff notifications were sent to Southern California Edison customers (as well as city social media posts) during the past few wind events. To learn more about PSPS's go to: <https://www.sce.com/wildfire/pssp>

**CERT** - Community Emergency Response Training. This class should take place at the beginning of 2022 along with the City of Hidden Hills.

**False Alarm Program** – There were 121 false alarms from July through September 2021.

**Council presentation from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains** – Antoine Kunsch, Community Resilience Coordinator, delivered a presentation to Council on defensible space and home hardening.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Pictures from the Pumpkin Festival of the Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness/EPIC booth, Ember House from the SMM RCD and the Fire Department booth.
2. Protect Yourself during Earthquakes poster