



CITY of CALABASAS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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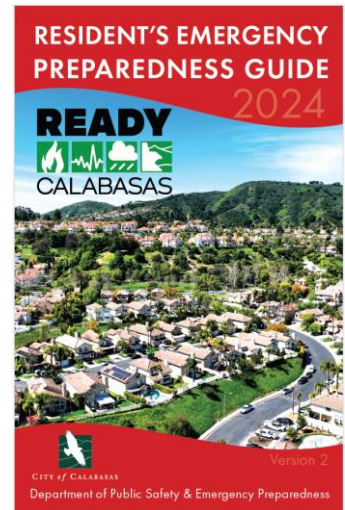
SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 22, 2024

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

The Resident Emergency Preparedness Guide book has been updated and will be mailed out to all Calabasas residents this July. Funding is through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy fire grant.



DISTRIBUTION OF RADIOS



Hold the radio 1" from your mouth, talk across not directly into the radio.

Talk in a normal voice. Talking louder doesn't make the signal stronger. Don't shout.

The city has purchased Walkie Talkie radios for EPIC-FSC to distribute to interested residents as part of their ECHO (Emergency Communications for Home Occupants) program. They have distributed 115 boxed sets of radio during 4 events since the first one at the Pumpkin Festival last year. One aspect of ECHO is radio communication between clusters of households that they call *Neighborhood Networks*. Each *Neighborhood Network* uses Family Radio Service (FRS) radios. Residents within a *Neighborhood Network* can talk to each other using these radios. They are easy to use and highly reliable over short distances. Each *Neighborhood Network* uses the same FRS channel.

MOBILE EOC STATUS

The mobile EOC trailer is here! The trailer was at the "BE PREPARED" Safety Fair on June 8, and will also be at City Hall Monday July 22nd on display. It is currently stored at the Sheriff's Station.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)



CERT by-laws and organization have been completed and reviewed by the city attorney. The new CERT team is expected to debut in September. The PSC Subcommittee has worked in concert with city staff to develop a strong organization for CERT. Big kudos to Norma and Joe!

Hybrid CERT training has been scheduled on August 10 (all day) and August 13 (5p – 8p) at the Community Center through the Los Angeles County Fire Department "CERT Cadre". We currently have 11 folks signed up for the class.

FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program

FEMA project updates for the are as follows:

Over \$500,000 has been obligated to the January 2023 Winter Storms, pending final documents. Waiting for fund reimbursement.

The city is working on the February 2024 storm damages.

TRAINING

An EOC Debris Flow Tabletop Exercise was conducted on April 25th for employees. Annual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training exercise for city staff and EPIC Communications personnel are scheduled for August 12 and 13, 2024.



SECURITY GATES

A Security Gate opening exercise was held on May 30, 2024 at 9AM. Please see attached After Action Report for more details.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Plan was submitted to Cal OES on February 1, 2024 for review before going to FEMA for final review.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP)



The COOP was completed in 2023. A staff training that was scheduled for June 6, 2024, has been rescheduled to October 17th during the Shakeout Drill to practice how the city will operate during an earthquake.

FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

The City of Calabasas along with Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas - A Firesafe Council (EPIC-FSC) are partnering along with CAL FIRE and the Los Angeles County Fire Department to help Calabasas communities in understanding Firewise USA® and how to become a Firewise community. City staff and EPIC members are available to present to the communities in person information about the Firewise program and the benefits of joining the program and can assist with providing free defensible space evaluations and Community Wide Risk Assessments.

One time grant funding will be utilized to fund a consultant to develop a Calabasas/EPIC Firewise USA® website, create social media outreach including newsletters, as well as training and data management to ensure Firewise compliance. After initial startup, the consultant will continue to assist the city and EPIC in training, outreach and data management for all interested Calabasas communities that are seeking Firewise USA® status or are already registered with Firewise USA®.



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