

**Valley Center Community Planning Group**  
**Emergency Evacuation Sub-Committee**  
March 25, 2021 6:30pm  
Minutes



Committee

**Delores Chavez Harmes**  
Chair / VCCPG

**LaVonne Norwood**  
Vice Chair / VCCPG

**Lisa Adams**  
VCCPG / Mobility

**Sgt. Michael Davis**  
SD Co. Sheriff

**William Del Pilar**  
Community

**James Gordon**  
LAFCO/Community

**Chief Joe Napier**  
Valley Center Fire

**BC Robert Reynolds**  
Cal Fire



Representatives

**Benjamin Mills**  
SDCo. Public Safety

**Ryan Sylvia**  
CAL Fire

**Sgt. Patrick Shannon**  
SD Co. Sherriff

**Mark LaTulippe**  
CHP

**A. Attendance:** Dee Harmes, LaVonne Norwood, Lisa Adams, James Gordon, Chief Joe Napier, Chief Rick Johnson, Chief Robert Reynolds, Sgt. Michael Davis, Capt. Ryan Sylva, Chief Todd Phillips, William Del Pilar, Preston Brown.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Harmes followed by the pledge.

**C. Welcome & Introduction of Guests:** Chair Harmes welcomed members of the Jamul/Dulzura community planning group who are interested in an emergency evacuation subcommittee.

**D. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve February 28, 2021 minutes by Chief Reynolds, second by Chief Johnson. Motion carries unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

- Preston Brown shared he is currently working on the Safety element of the General Plan Update for Jamul/Delzura planning group. He asked if the mobile app is available to everyone. Sgt. Davis stated the app is only for emergency responders.

**E. Action Items:**

- 1) **Chair's Report:** Defer to Chief Napier and Jim Courter's reports.
- 2) **VCFPD-Chief Napier:** Desmond's office continues with open communication and dialogue with Valley Center. Desmond was brought up to date on the video shoot currently underway to help public understand what happens in the background when an evacuation order is given. SDG&E will join with VCFPD and GVCWF for another drive through symposium at Bates Nut Farm. As the county opens up, these symposiums will be in person where families can come and interact more intimately with our firefighters. An update on the third fire station on Cole Grade Rd; we are in the process of a lot adjustment on the property. VCFPD is purchasing two temporary 12x56 trailers for the property along with aluminum pool cover for engine covers.
- 3) **Deer Springs Fire Protection District-Chief Johnson:** Currently in grant season, looking for Cal Fire grant money for public education, an inspector for defensible space, chipping program and fuel breaks, etc. Moosa fuel break is almost completed. Apx 1,000 feet to tie in.
- 4) **CAL Fire Station 71-Chief Reynolds:** Heavy into burn permit season and conducting a lot of defensible space inspections. Continue to work on fuel breaks. Station should be open April 19<sup>th</sup> with staffing for an patrol engine.
- 5) **San Diego County Sheriff-Michael Davis:** Leadership change at VC command center with Lt. Karla Menzies replacing Lt. Pat Shannon whose last day is today. Sgt. Davis participated in the wildfire video shoot. Sheriff engineers have created a secure mobile app that supervisors and deputies are able to use which allows expedition of command station requests of areas that need to be evacuated and project where the safest routes and points of fire are. Slides were shared depicting public grid and how app would be implemented.
- 6) **Community Risk Reduction Program-Chief Silva:** Hired eight defensible space inspectors who are focused on the northern areas of San Diego County including Valley Center. Inspectors started on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and are expected to concentrate in our area for thirty days. Inspectors do a physical walk around the home, looking for 100ft of defensible space around the home. There is a three year rotation scale where sections of a community are pre-designated for inspection. However, any homeowner can request a defensible space inspection.

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- 4) **Greater Valley Center Fire Safe Council-Jim Courter:** Seven segments of the video project have been completed. Three additional segments have the rough information and will be fine-tuned in the coming weeks. Segments cover recovery, barricade gel, go-kits, SDG&E services, defensible space inspections, structural hardening. Red Guide to Recovery is scheduled to film in the next few days. Tremendous opportunity for agencies to get their word out. Additionally, GVCFSC is submitting grant applications for public education and chipping.
- 5) **LAFCO-James Gordon:** Recent LAFCO meetings have been focused on water issues.

### F. New Business:

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

**Next Meeting:** April 22, 2021 6:30pm

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