

Rancho Bernardo Community Council  
Public Safety Committee Minutes  
November 28, 2006

1) Call to Order: 7pm. Members in attendance: Dave Hall, Diane Peters, Keith Worthington, Robin Kaufman. Gary Carlson representing neighborhood watch and Jim Harmon representing emergency preparedness group. Excused: Robert Dunlap. Unexcused: Karen Rott. Approximately 30-35 people were in the audience for the presentation.

2) Robin Kaufman presented a four minute news clip on how two families fared when they received a knock on the door saying they had 10 minutes to pack up and evacuate. One family was prepared with survival kits, a list of items each member was responsible for and were packed up in five minutes. The second family was not prepared and were grabbing items such as photos, clothing, snacks, etc. They even forgot about the family pet until the last couple of minutes.

Guest Speaker: Cruze Pone, representative from San Diego Red Cross. Mr. Pone presented valuable information on how to prepare ourselves and our families for various emergency situations, how to prepare an emergency pack and information on how to purchase one from Red Cross.

3) Approval of minutes: minutes unanimously approved.

4) Liaison Reports:

a) Community Relations Officer Paul Lennon relayed information to Robin Kaufman to share with the group. Apparently, there is an increase in car burglaries taken place this time of year. He wants to remind everyone not to leave anything valuable in the car, to lock cars and if at all possible, keep cars in the garage.

b) Gary Carlson from neighborhood watch sent a report in prior to the meeting (posted on the Public Safety page of our website). Dave Hall inquired if there are block captain meetings for updates, etc. While the police department is in charge of neighborhood watch, they do not get together with the block captains. Gary Carlson did mention there is a seminar or two a year in which block captains are encouraged to attend.

c) Jim Harmon from emergency preparedness reported Gene Albrecht has recently taken over as a leader in Seven Oaks. This position was previously held by Peter Berkos. Jim also reported emergency preparedness is in the process of working with Stasia Place from the County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services to shift the group from the County to the City. The contact groups which initiate the RB Emergency Radio System are ARES and RACES radio groups. Jim Harmon mentioned there are 40 people in this group. Dave Hall asked if these people would be interested in joining CERT as CERT is the City wide, official volunteer group which works through the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue and are called into action during an emergency situation. Jim Harmon said the ham radio operators in Rancho Bernardo were well organized.

d) Marie Graver from RSVP was not present. No report was sent in.

4) Other Items: Due to the holiday season, the December meeting is canceled. Due to the number of outside members of Bernardo Heights who are attending our meetings, a new location for future meetings will be announced prior to the January 23 meeting.

5) Adjourn: meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman