

Rancho Bernardo Community Council

Public Safety Committee Minutes

May 15, 2007

7pm

Meets at High Country West Community Center

16003 Turtleback Road

San Diego, CA 92127

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. **In attendance:** Community Council members: Keith Worthington, Jay Riordan, Robin Kaufman, Brandy Luscalzo-Stemen.

Absent: Karen Rott. **Others in attendance:** Gary Carlson, Paul Lennon, Station #33 A Shift, Mike Hill from Rancho Penasquitos CERT, Mitch Mitchell and Howard White head of Ham Radio Volunteers in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

- 1) **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Unanimously approved
- 2) **Introduction of Guest Speaker, Mike Brown, Mark Hill (Ham Team Leader for CERT), Rancho Penasquitos CERT Leader.** Mike gave an update on CERT and how RP would like to coordinate efforts with RB. Joining efforts with neighboring communities will aide in communications and assistances in time of need. It was agreed to follow up on this effort.

Special Presentation: Mitch Mitchell, head of Ham Radio Volunteers in San Diego and Imperial Counties, along with Howard White, Emergency Station Coordinator for the County, gave an in-depth presentation on the importance of Ham Radio operators in the event of a crisis/emergency ~ whether it be a lost person, flood, fire, or other disaster.

Detailed information was also shared in regard to Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), how they function, how they coordinate efforts with the Office of Emergency Services, CERT, FEMA, Red Cross. Example ~ in the 2003 Cedar fire, 500 Ham Radio operators assisted, 183 ARES members. These individuals helped rescue six fire fighters. They also shared where to go online to find more information on becoming a Ham Radio operator: www.kybl.com/techclasses .

3) Reports

- a. **Police** ~ Paul Lennon mentioned: 1) the arrest of five individual drug users on 5/14/07 who had a large amount of items from a burglary. These individuals lived in Poway and Escondido. 2) There has been a series of burglaries with items being stolen from cars. He reminded everyone not to leave valuables in vehicles. 3) There were nine robberies, two at gun point, in the Carmel Mountain area. 4) Copper piping from water meters that was being stolen for money has declined.
- b. **Fire** ~ Fire Station #33's A Shift attended the meeting, reporting a total of 175 fire fighter calls and 193 ambulance calls were made in April, with 136 calls being for medical aide. They also assisted (mutual aide) in four calls to Poway, 15 calls to San Pasqual and 3 calls to Rancho Santa Fe. Our local fire fighters are also going door to door to high risk fire areas in our community, handing out weed abatement information.
- c. **Neighborhood Watch** ~ Gary Carlson handed out a document listing calls made for the month
- d. **RSVP** ~ No attendance by a representative and no report shared.
- e. Jim Harmon ~ Was not present at meeting.

4) Other Items

5) Adjourn

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