

LVHA Emergency Response Committee Report – May 16, 2018

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Goals and Accomplishments for May 2017/2018

1. Organize a Neighborhood Emergency Team in each Neighborhood Block Area and improve community Emergency Response Team capabilities to support them
 - 22 of our 24 Block Areas have some level of organization or efforts underway to establish a Neighborhood Emergency Team – all block areas are in need of more participation
 - Quarterly Neighborhood Emergency Team Block Captains meetings held June 4th, Sept. 17th, Jan. 20th and April 29th, included representatives from the majority of our block areas emphasizing disaster simulations practicing search and rescue, first aid, and radio communication
2. Improve community emergency communications capabilities
 - Improved emergency HAM radio communications capabilities at Mt. Lyell adding a 40 meter HAM band frequency
 - FRS/GMRS radios for all 24 block areas, distributed to those with active Neighborhood Emergency Teams
 - Maintained monthly HAM and FRS/GMRS radio practice drills with FRS/GMRS averaging over 13 participants and emergency simulations
 - Participated in the organization and completion of an emergency communications practice with neighboring communities Marinwood, Mont Marin/San Rafael Park and Marinwood Fire Dept. on Nov. 4th simulating a major earthquake event including over 50 scenarios with an LVHA incident command post at Dixie School
3. Increase community interest and participation in emergency preparedness
 - Contributed emergency preparedness/safety information for each Vibration including monthly safety observances such as National Preparedness Month and the Great California ShakeOut
 - Fire prevention efforts with Marinwood Fire Dept. helped gain over 95% participation to maintain firebreaks along the hills and major drainage areas
 - Promotion of gas line earthquake shut off valves has resulted in 30 installations since Oct. 2016
 - Community events: National Night Out Aug. 1st, included events at LVC and 4 block areas
 - First Aid for Disaster Response training by Marin Medical Reserve Corps held May 27th, Nov. 18th and April 14th included 3 dozen LVHA residents

- Organized Firewise committee, conducted 4 community discussions to obtain resident input, completed a community risk assessment, a proposed action plan and wildfire safety policy for LVHA Board action, and applied for Firewise Site certification with Firewise USA
4. Work with Marinwood Fire and neighboring communities to develop mutual aid capabilities
 - Promoted Get Ready, CERT and First Aid for Disaster Response events training with these communities
 - Participated in Get Ready classes for Marinwood
 - Established an emergency communications protocol with Marinwood and Mont Marin / San Rafael Park; continue working with Marinwood Fire Dept. and Marin OES to identify a contact point for emergency communications from these communities
 - Continued mutual aid relationship with Dixie Elementary School
 5. Maintain emergency supplies and improve First Aid Resources
 - First Aid trauma kits for response to more serious injuries have been assembled and delivered to 23 of our 24 block areas
 - Replaced perishable supplies
 6. Maintain and expand LVHA.org emergency response content
 - Published 2018 LVHA Community Safety Calendar, maintained current event content
 - Added Firewise content including Wildfire FAQs

Goals for May 2018/2019

1. Organize a Neighborhood Emergency Team in each Neighborhood Block Area and improve community Emergency Response Team capabilities to support them
2. Secure Firewise Site certification and implement an action plan to reduce community wildfire risk
3. Improve community emergency communications capabilities
4. Increase community interest and participation in emergency preparedness
5. Work with Marinwood Fire and neighboring communities to develop mutual aid capabilities
6. Maintain emergency supplies and improve First Aid resources
7. Maintain and expand LVHA.org emergency response content