

LVHA Emergency Response Committee Report – May 15, 2019

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Goals and Accomplishments 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
 - 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 July 29th, Oct. 28th, Jan. 26th and April 28th, included representatives from the majority of our block areas emphasizing wildfire simulations and radio communication
2. Secure Firewise Site certification and implement an action plan to reduce community wildfire risk
 - Conducted community outreach and education on wildfire risk
 - Established Firewise Committee as part of the Emergency Response Committee
 - Achieved LVHA Firewise U.S.A. Site certification effective 6-29-2018
 - LVHA Board approval of Wildfire Safety Policy
 - Mt. Lassen Dr. restored as a viable wildfire evacuation route through clearing of fire hazardous vegetation on the eastern border between Idylberry Rd and Jeannett Prandi Way and the western border south of Mt. Darwin Ct in collaboration with Marinwood Fire Dept., Marin Co. Parks, Rotary Valley Senior Village and CSA 13
 - First chipper day event 8-16/20-2018 removed 100 tons of vegetation with 11% of residents participating; 2019 events proposed for residents' response
 - 2019 fuel reduction planning underway

- Miller Creek fuel reduction proposal with participation of Marin Co. Fire, Conservation Corps North Bay – status pending CSA 13 funding
 - Idylberry Rd emergency access/evacuation route improvement proposal developed, support secured from 15 county agencies and interested parties – status pending DPW cost estimate
 - Conducted small scale Miller Creek Spring clean up May 5th
3. Improve community emergency communications capabilities
 - Maintained emergency communications facility at Mt. Lyell (water and rodent intrusion), continued preparations for emergency power and an additional antenna
 - Determined HAM radio point of contact for communication in widespread emergencies will be [Marin RACES / ACS](#)
 - Maintained monthly HAM and FRS/GMRS radio practice drills with FRS/GMRS averaging 10 participants and incorporating emergency simulations
 - Established a Communications Team within the ERC to focus on increasing community engagement in emergency communications
 4. Increase community interest and participation in emergency preparedness
 - Contributed emergency preparedness/safety information for each Vibration including monthly safety observances including National Safety Month, the Great California ShakeOut, and National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
 - Promoting gas line earthquake shut off valves resulted in over 40 installations since Oct. 2016
 - Developed Community Watch guidelines
 - Community events: National Night Out Aug. 7th included events at LVC and 5 block areas
 - First Aid for Disaster Response training by Marin Medical Reserve Corps held April 14th and Oct. 27th
 - Developed Wildfire Risk Self-Assessment to help residents evaluate and reduce their risk
 - Developed Wildfire Protocol incorporating roles and recommended actions for community emergency team, neighborhood emergency teams and individual residents for expected wildfire warnings and orders
 5. Work with Marinwood Fire and neighboring communities to develop mutual aid capabilities
 - Promoted CERT and First Aid for Disaster Response events training with these communities
 - Conducted joint earthquake simulation with Mont Marin/San Rafael Park Oct. 28th
 - Incorporated a small scale evacuation of Rotary Valley Senior Village residents in Oct. 28th wildfire simulation
 - Provided Rotary Valley Senior Village with a draft wildfire evacuation plan, reviewed with SRFD
 - Maintained mutual aid relationship with Dixie Elementary School
 6. Maintain emergency supplies and improve First Aid Resources
 - Acquired 4 bull horns for emergency notification in event of evacuation order
 - Replaced perishable supplies
 7. Maintain and expand LVHA.org emergency response content
 - Published 2019 LVHA Community Safety Calendar, maintained current event content
 - Added and updated wildfire safety and flood control resources content
 - Proposed Emergency Response requirements and content for web site platform selection

Goals for May 2019/2020

1. Organize a Neighborhood Emergency Team in each Neighborhood Block Area and improve community Emergency Response Team capabilities to support them
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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. Update and expand LVHA.org emergency response content