



OperationOC
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Partnership
Monthly Operational Meeting
November 5, 2012
Minutes

Attendees

Adam Tipps, Social Services Agency
Bernie Koch, The Crossing
Christine Moorefield, Newport Mesa Church
Cindy Gosting, Yorba Linda Friends Church
Elizabeth Sandoval, Diocese of Orange
Georgette Quinn, The Beacon Church
Jeremy Moser, Mariners Church
Jonnae Ostrom, Trinity Episcopal Church Orange
Junko Cora, Mariners Church
Kelly Williamson, Evangelical Christian CU
Ken Schemmer, Yorba Linda Friends Church
Kevin Bigelow, Palo Verde Ave, Christian Church LB
Larry Anderson, Yorba Linda Friends Church
BOLD = New

Lee Sandusky, Mariners Church
Les Ferguson, Cottonwood Church
Lori Mayfield, NPSC
Mary-Jo Marshall, Catholic Diocese OC
Maureen Perkins, Operation OC
Peggy Ferguson, Cottonwood Church
Peter Karl, Giving Children Hope
Roger Tierney, FocusOC/COAD-OC/St Mark Irv.
Sharon Cowart, Christian Mission Church
Stephanie Neu, Yorba Linda Friends Church
Tom Cowart, Christian Mission Church
Vicki McGuinness, Operation OC
Wardy (Robert Ward), Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Anaheim

Welcome, Introductions

Training Division (See calendar at www.operationoc.org)

Engaging Families in Community Service and Preparedness Webinar, Wed, Nov 7th, 12:00pm PDT, offered by FEMA, Free but participants must register in order to participate (<https://connect.hsin.gov/volservopps2012a/event/registration.html>); kickoff for National Family Week.

Coping With Grief Over the Holidays, Saturday, Nov 10th 10:00am-12:00pm Long Beach – sponsored by Palo Verde Avenue Christian Church and VITAS Hospice Care (call 562-430-2286 for more information)

[Animal Emergency Services](#), Nov 17 & 18, American Humane Society, hosted by SoCal Animal Response Team (SCART), Centennial Regional Park, Santa Ana 9:00am-5:00pm: prepare to help vulnerable animals during disaster; to register <http://site.americanhumane.org/site/Calendar?id=12321&view=Detail>

Reports

ShakeOut! – Approximately 8 attending Partners participated on Oct 18 at their church or organization (*examples*):

OC Diocese – handled event similar to fire drill, some participants balked at hitting the floor, everyone encouraged to be as safe as possible

Giving Children Hope – got everyone out of building safely, a number of participants realized they aren't ready for an earthquake

Evangelical Christian Credit Union – did a business recovery exercise, along with personal preparedness info. Kelly has created an emergency [preparedness page](#) on ECCU's company website.



NPSC – called a “spontaneous” earthquake drill at 10:18am, in the midst of a first aid training session

Wardy (Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim) – participated at a senior services group including duck and cover – many senior citizens not comfortable with exercise (dropping on floor)

Bernie Koch (The Crossing) – gave her grandchildren Go Bags

Newport Mesa Church – got the children (ages 18mos-5 yrs) involved in participation, in order to get moms involved

Sharon Cowart (Christian Mission Church) – sold emergency supplies (for the benefit of OperationOC) in conjunction with a preparedness expo at a large OC corporation

Summary Report on Super Storm Sandy

70 souls confirmed dead as of 11/5/12

1.3 million still without power; 80% restored

Shelter population has decreased by 69%

NYC highest priority: pumping out Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel

The Red Cross is encouraging **blood and platelet donations**. Storm forced cancellation of about 360 blood drives in 13 states, resulting in a shortfall of nearly 12,000 units of blood and platelets thus far. Temp housing still needed.

Responding partners already back east:

Hope Force – Don Thorpe

Committed Relief (CC LaHabra) – today bringing mobile kitchen to NJ

Billy Graham Evangelical Assoc. – 3 chaplain teams in NJ and 1 in NY working in shelters; including Chuck and Sandy Bender

Clothing donations have been collected, but Red Cross and Salvation Army need money; *National Donations Management Network* website to donate new clothing and other items. Giving Children Hope has collected disinfectant and cleaning supplies to donate.

Current airfare: \$279 roundtrip John Wayne to Newark.

Hope Force Reservists: Emotional/spiritual care providers needed for Salvation Army deployment – email [Sue Duby](mailto:Sue.Duby)

Nor'easter due to hit this Wednesday/Thursday

Planning

Daylight Savings Time ended last Sunday; did everyone change smoke detector batteries and rotate out emergency supplies?

Request to use partners' logo on new website; email Vicki with permission/authorization and provide logo.

Emergency Supplies – Go Bags - \$20 (some on hand, others can be ordered), \$1 Light Sticks and \$1 Hand Squeeze Ready Lights for sale after meeting. *Update: sold all supplies on hand; orders placed for 19 more Go Bags*



FCC Narrow Band Compliance – FCC mandating all 25kHz radio systems to minimum **narrowband** 12.5 kHz efficiency technology by 1/1/13 (more efficient use of VHF and UHF land mobile frequency bands). Includes all Part 90, 25kHz efficiency sys operating on VHF (150-174MHz) and UHF (421)-512 MHz frequency bands. Tom Cowart can check Partners' current radios – bring to December 3 meeting to reset. Orders for new radios must be placed before December meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Seminars

DP&RP Radio Communications Team meeting (today at 2:00pm) *will be rescheduled*.

Disabilities, Access & Functional Needs WG, Nov 29, 10:00am-12:00pm, Vicki and Adam will confirm location. We have opportunity to help those in need; all Partners encouraged to attend.

Announcements/Round Table

Monthly radio net today at 4:00pm – contact Tom Cowart if unable to participate. Suggestion was made to call each org/person only once and then move to next, to speed up process. Tom will do so in today's net; call is alpha by organization. Recommendation to change time to 6:00pm – agreed by partners to test next month.

Presentation

Mass Feeding – Roger Tierney Focus OC/COAD-OC/St. Mark, Irvine

Roger presented an overview of his organization's feeding program, particularly working with homeless families living at the Valencia Inn in Anaheim (150 units, 300-500 individuals). Resources come from OC Food Bank (US Dept of Agriculture) and Restaurant Depot in Fountain Valley (works with non-profits). Food is stored in the church's warehouse in Westminster and a backup fridge/freezer at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine. Feeding is covered by 6 churches; rotate every 6 weeks. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Roger can be contacted at rrtierney@earthlink.net with questions or for information.

Prayer Update/Needs

Bernie Koch: lost her son to cancer

Cindy Gosting: bone cancer, surgery Nov 14th

Stephanie Neu: mom went to heaven Oct. 17th

Michelle Hensley (You Are Special Community Outreach/Covenant Life Church): husband (pastor), stage 4 melanoma

Kelly Williamson's son, Cory (age 20): possible return of cancer – requests wisdom and healing

Kelly healing from shoulder surgery

Joanne Gray's family

Lee Sandusky's wife Adrienne: better now thanks to prayers

Ken Schemmer's mother: doing better (surgery went well), needs follow-up

Tom Cowart: kidney stones cured, feeling better now

Prayer and Close

Next Operational Meeting: Monday, December 5, 12:00pm-2:00pm, at Village of Hope Chapel

Christmas potluck – bring your favorite dish!