



OperationOC
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Partnership
Monthly Operational Meeting
December 5, 2011

Meeting Location: Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, Tustin, CA

Attendance

Bernie Koch, The Crossing; Charlotte & Dennis Duffy, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Don Holt, Rose Drive Friends Church; Don & Valerie Thorpe, Calvary Chapel WestGrove; Gary Minnesang, OperationOC; Georgette Quinn, The Beacon; Grace Zambrana-Sutton, Orange County Sheriff's Department; Jason Wickham, The Coalition of OC Community Health Centers; Joanne Gray, Anaheim First Christian Church; Judy Cole, Hope Force/OperationOC; Junko Cora, Mariners Church; Ken Schemmer, Yorba Linda Friends; **Kevin Bigelow, Palo Verde Ave. Christian Church-Long Beach**; Owen McGuinness, OperationOC; Pauline Nishida, **CRU** (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ); Peter Allen, Hope Force; Roger Tierney, Focus OC; **Rosie Hoomana, Operation OC**; Stephanie Neu, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Valerie Wolf, OperationOC; Vicki McGuinness, OperationOC; Virgil Garduque, OperationOC (**Bold** = new)

Welcome, Introductions, Thanks

- Thanks given to Rosie for the beautiful, festive decorations
- Thanks also to those who provided the delicious food for our holiday luncheon
- Peter Allen was introduced as new Hope Force International SoCal Liaison. Judy Cole will be assisting with administrative duties.

Training

The full training calendar is available at www.operationoc.org.

Group & Individual CISM, 3-day training, FREE, Jan. 7-9, USC Academic Center, 2300 Michelson, Irvine, CA, 92612. To register, see [flyer](#).

Upcoming Meetings

COAD-OC, Thurs, Jan. 12th, 10a – 12n, Operational Area EOC. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other *nonprofit organizations* responding to disasters. Email [Vicki](#) for a map.

Vicki announced she will be the 2012 Chair for COAD-OC in addition to providing leadership for the faith-based and donations management sectors.

OCEMO, Thurs, Jan. 5th, 9a-12n, OCTA; opportunity to see how things operate at the *county and jurisdictional levels*. Meet your city emergency manager!

Reports

Dennis and Charlotte Duffy shared their recent experiences ministering to a family of seven by helping to rebuild their house destroyed by the tornado in Joplin, MO. They stressed that even though the work was physically difficult, the relationships that were built were key elements in helping to change hearts.

Charlotte shared how much she learned about building and using tools, and had pictures to prove it! They provided insight on how to prepare for deployment and also emphasized the need for more volunteers.

Don and Valerie Thorpe shared their experiences in Haiti where they focused on establishing relationships in addition to the hard work to build and install an exhaust hood in the kitchen building. Valerie shared how life changing the experience was for her.

Many great suggestions emerged from the question and answer period from these two reports.

Reflection/Vision

- When sharing blessings of 2011, the main theme from all partners was how they were blessed with the opportunity to meet and work with the other wonderful partners while being part of OperationOC. Many other personal blessings were shared.
- Conversation about what the partners would like to see in 2012 was diverse:
 - Develop regions according to geographic areas
 - Reach out to churches in these geographic areas,
 - Develop OpOC lead for each region
 - Hold regional meeting to reach smaller churches
 - Build out Preparing Together program to provide help to those with access and functional needs
 - Council on Aging may have useful contacts
 - Develop Speakers Board to present OperationOC and preparedness messages to churches and other faith-based groups
 - “Bring a Guest” meeting
 - More frequent EOC trainings were requested

Since time was limited and the questions below were not discussed, Vicki will send these as an email. Please answer and return when it is received.

- What has been the most valuable thing you’ve learned about/through OperationOC?
- What do you think is important for others to know about OpOC?
- What questions do you still have?

Vicki requested photos of deployments (teams or individuals) with a particular focus on showing hope, compassion, and caring.

Announcements/Round Table

Monthly OperationOC radio net will be conducted at 4 pm today

Gifts of “Ready Lights” were provided by OperationOC and Earthquake Management to all partners. Don Thorpe provided his phone number (714-376-7633) for those interested in securing additional lights or for visiting the retail store.

A call is out for four mega churches to participate in Ready Sunday within the next 3 months. Contact Vicki if your church is interested.

Prayer Update/Needs

- Joanne Gray who is caring for her two daughters battling serious health issues

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Merry Christmas!

Next Operational Meeting: Monday, Jan. 9th, 12 noon-2:00 pm, at the Village of Hope Chapel