



OperationOC
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Partnership
Monthly Operational Meeting
February 6, 2012

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

Attendance

Alan Weisenberger , Evangelical Christian Credit Union (ECCU); Bernie Koch, The Crossing; Charlotte & Dennis Duffy, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Bobbie Bradley, OperationOC; Cindy Gosting, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Don and Valerie Thorpe, OperationOC/Hope Force ; Gary Minnesang, OperationOC; George Ullrich, St. Angela Merici; Georgette Quinn, The Beacon; Grace Zambrana-Sutton, Orange County Sheriff's Department; Jason Wickham, The Coalition of OC Community Health Centers; **Joel Kirscher , Yorba Linda Friends;** Joey Beason , Cottonwood Church; John Daniel, OperationOC; John White, St. John Neumann Catholic Church; Junko Cora, Mariners Church; Kelly Williamson, Evangelical Christian Credit Union ; Les Ferguson, Cottonwood Church; **Marianne Mote, St. John's Lutheran Church;** Owen McGuinness, OperationOC; Peggy Ferguson, Cottonwood Church; Peter Allen, Hope Force; Robert Ward (Wardy), Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Roger Tierney, Focus OC/COAD-OC; Stephanie Neu, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Tom Cowart, Christian Mission Church; Valerie Wolf, OperationOC; Vicki McGuinness, OperationOC; Virgil Garduque, OperationOC (**Bold = new**)

Welcome, Introductions

Vicki McGuinness announced that an acronym list is now available at the sign-in table. This will be reprinted as new acronyms enter our vocabulary!

OCRM Update

Vicki announced with sadness that Virgil Garduque's position at the Orange County Rescue Mission has been eliminated as of the end of April. Will Banks, OCRM Safety Officer, will be training with Virgil and assuming some of his responsibilities with OpOC. Volunteers will be needed to fulfill the remainder of the support Virgil has provided over the past 3 years.

OPOC funding concerns were discussed, and the following suggestions were offered:

Tom Cowart suggested that all partners step up and acknowledge the value of OpOC for their organizations.

Peggy Ferguson suggested selling emergency supplies from the OpOC website.

Les Ferguson and **Valerie Thorpe** suggested having one partnership organization sponsor lunch for each monthly meeting.

Bernie Koch suggested a donation basket for lunches at each monthly meeting.

Tom and Peggy suggested the need for an OpOC budget to track expensed and donations. Vicki requested assistance from partners with budget experience.

Joey Beason suggested instituting annual dues. He participates in a local Missions Network and suggested the possibility of financial support through this group.

Georgette Quinn suggested monthly organizational sponsorship of the Partnership meetings.

Wardy suggested the example of Amazon.com for e-commerce. A second suggestion (also mentioned by **Don Thorpe**) is to offer consulting services to churches, organizations, and businesses to evaluate current levels of emergency preparedness and guide development and implementation of emergency plans for a small fee.

Stephanie Neu's company is planning to sponsor OperationOC by giving back to OpOC a percentage of revenues generated by referrals.

Vicki McGuinness requested volunteers for a Resource Development Team to help review these ideas and others. **Update: six individuals have volunteered to assist in this project.**

Training

Full calendar at www.operationoc.org

Mike Orfitelli, author of the *Preparing Together* program, will be providing 3 separate volunteer orientation/training sessions on Feb 22th, 24th, and 25th; attendees may [select one 4-hr. session.](#)

[Children's Disaster Services](#) – Mar 24 & 25. Learn how to care for children traumatized by disaster.

Upcoming Meetings/Seminars

DP&RP Radio Communications Team, today, 2 pm

OCEMO, Thurs, Mar. 8, 9a-12n, Westminster Police Dept, 8200 Westminster Blvd,
Bldg 5, Westminster

COAD-OC, Thurs, Apr. 12th, 10a – 12n, Red Cross, 600 N. Parkcenter Drive, Room 208,
Santa Ana; entrance on north side of building

Announcements/Round Table

Monthly radio net, 4 pm today

Communications Exercise

We want to thank Virgil Garduque for planning a communications training exercise based on an earthquake scenario which allowed partners to practice using OperationOC 2-way radios. Four teams were formed: communications, shelter, volunteer management, and emotional and spiritual care. This exercise was valuable in providing partners with firsthand experience with radio communications in a disaster.

Many valuable lessons were learned; a key take-away is the benefit of regular training in radio etiquette and use. All partners are encouraged to complete the free ICS courses available online. Links are provided on the [OperationOC Training page](#). **Update: The primary topic of the April Partnership meeting will be basic radio use.**

Prayer Update/Needs

Joanne Gray – family health issues

Les and Peggy Ferguson – daughter passed away, Feb. 1

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next Operational Meeting: Monday, Mar. 5, **12 noon-2:00 pm**, at the Village of Hope Chapel