



CITY OF MEDINA



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

**October 11, 2023
4:00pm – 5:30pm**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Rosalie Gann called the Emergency Preparedness meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Roll Call:

Leadership Team: Chairperson Rosalie Gann
Dr. Doug Dicharry
Dr. Kay Koelemay
Cy Humphreys
City Personnel: City Manager Steve Burns
Chief Jeff Sass
Captain Austin Gidlof
Sergeant Eric Anderson

Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:

Chairperson Gann welcomed attendees to the meeting and outlined the meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the July 12th, 2023 Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting minutes was moved by Doug Dicharry and seconded by Cy Humphreys. The July 12th, 2023 Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Medina Updates:

Captain Gidlof provided an update on the state of the city, to include a review of the new public safety camera system and an overview on the recent increase in property crimes. The police department community publications will be shifting to fall/winter safety tips and holiday safety recommendations.

Presentation – Carl Lunak, City of Bellevue Emergency Manager:

- Specializes in coordination of emergency services, Public Works, transportation, etc.
- CERT is a valuable program for emergency preparedness, highly recommended for all community members
- Trees & vegetation can pose a wildfire hazard during hot and dry summers, especially when near residences and buildings

- New homes are consistently being built with integrated fire suppression systems
- Evergreen vegetation tends to hold more moisture over drier vegetation and are a stronger deterrent to wildfire danger
- Provided resources with information on preventing fire from reaching residences (vegetation management, non-igniting building materials, etc.)
- Familiarize yourself with the operation of fire extinguishers, especially inside your home
- Training announcements will be extended to the City of Medina when available through the City of Bellevue Office of Emergency Management
- Wildlife Urban Interface Plan (WUIP) – City of Bellevue program that is a plan with how to deal with fires that come from wildland areas into more urban areas
- City of Bellevue Office of Emergency Management partners well with private and public schools in and around the Bellevue area with fire inspections, training offerings, and resource provisions
- Generators
 - Gas-powered portable generators are versatile and convenient, but require fuel storage at home
 - Natural gas/propane generators can be convenient, especially with natural gas supply to a residence. However, it can be more cumbersome to start up in the event of a power outage.
 - Be cognizant of carbon monoxide gas poisoning from generator exhaust
- City of Bellevue completed an emergency shelter plan for major natural disasters for displaced community members

Roundtable:

- In response to a recent earthquake in the northern Puget Sound area, the Seattle Times published emergency preparedness links for the public to utilize.
- Discussion on the Medina Days and Seafair events:
 - Significant public turnout
 - Lots of pamphlets and giveaways provided to community members and public
- Radio update:
 - Cy Humphreys and Captain Gidlof will be working on an inventory and potential upgrade to the community radio inventory.
 - Group maintains ties with the Bellevue radio group
 - The repeater seems to be functioning properly

Upcoming Events:

- Halloween is only a couple of weeks away; E-lert recommended for neighborhood safety.
- October 19th at 10:19am is the WA Great Shakeout event. There will be no community radio exercise this year.
- Shredder Day/Drug Take-back/E-recycling community event to be held at Medina Park on Saturday, October 21st, 2023.

Chairperson Gann adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Captain Gidlof.

The next City of Medina Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting will be announced following a potential restructuring of the Committee meeting schedule.