

**City of Redlands
Disaster Council
Minutes**

Monday October 23, 2017
City Council Chambers
35 Cajon Street Suite #2
Redlands, CA 92373

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.by EM Fay Glass.

Pledge of allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comments

INTRODUCTIONS:

Fay Glass welcomed everyone to the Disaster Council Meeting and provided an overview of Disaster Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2017 meeting: Minutes Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Disaster Council received a presentation by Shannon Kendall from Loma Linda Colton Fire Dept. and Board member at the American Red Cross.

- Shannon Kendall presented on his deployment to the US Virgin Islands after the Hurricane Disasters.
 - The Hurricanes hit straight on the islands causing catastrophic damage. Both Irma and Maria were a category 5.
 - Shannon spent 90% of his time in the Emergency Operation Center. He had time to explore some of the damaged area to where he could assess the damage to islands.
 - Some of the Damages that were seen are the following:
 - 80% of the structures were destroyed
 - 40,000 residence were homeless on St. Thomas
 - Very Limited communications
 - There was no cell service, Wi-Fi / internet.

- Only the military had it.
 - No Medical infrastructure
 - Hospitals were severely damaged
 - No running water
 - There was a boiling water advisory in place, even after 3 weeks of the hurricanes.
 - No electricity
 - Very limited resources
- Supplies from FEMA and disaster relief organizations being sent by plane or ship were delayed for several days.
- One Chinese restaurant was prepared to feed the first responders and the EOC staff.
 - They only accepted cash. Which was difficult for those that use their cards on daily bases.
- Hurricane produced landslides, which cause homes that were built from wood (wood framed) to be taken downhill from their slabs. Tarps were used to prevent further damage to buildings that at one point had aluminum roofing.
- The hurricanes produced landslides which blocked the main roads on the island and limited transportation options for providing supplies to the residents.
- American Red Cross deployed volunteers to the area to provide support to the community.
 - Some of the volunteers were not equipped and unable to handle the amount of devastation that occurred to the area, approximately 10 volunteers were sent home.
- VITEMA – Virgin Island Territorial Emergency Management
 - VITEMA EOC did not activated until 8 hours before hurricane Irma made landfall, which posed challenges to the rescue and recovery efforts.
 - VITEMA EOC Responders had limited about of training in EOC response which also posed challenges to the rescue and recovery efforts.
 - Cultural differences on the island, posed challenges to the outside responding agencies.
 - Push back from the local government.
 - More politic challenges than expected.
 - VITEMA faced challenges with distributing resources out to the residents.
 - Once Local Government has exhausted all of its resources, FEMA comes in to support the assist and provide logistics support to the local agency.

Presentation from Tim Sparks, Owner of Earthquake bracing Incorporated

Earthquake Brace and Bolt is a state – supported program that offers homeowners funding for a specific code compliant seismic retrofit to ensure the work is done right. Historically, retrofits were often incomplete and not based on a uniform best practice building code.

- Homeowners can receive up to \$3,000 toward and Earthquake retrofit for their homes if they qualify.
 - You pay only the taxes on the money that is given to you.
- Each brace that is added to a house, adds 1000 pounds of weight to the house.
- This is a good program for raised housed.
- Website to visit www.earthquakebracebolt.com to see frequently asked questions and get information on the program.

Updates from Carrie Cruz, San Bernardino County FD/Office of Emergency Services, provided a brief updates on San Bernardino County.

Carrie provided an overall description of who participated in the Great Shakeout Exercise 2017.

- San Bernardino County had an increase of participants for Shakeout 2017.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Please email Fay Glass if you have any agenda items that you would like addressed at the next meet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Next Disaster Council meeting is January 22, 2018. 4:00pm-5:00pm