



OperationOC
Monthly Operational Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2011

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

Attendance

Bernie Koch, The Crossing; Don Thorpe, Calvary Chapel West Grove; Grace Zambrana-Sutton, Orange County Sheriff's Department; Jason Wickham, The Coalition of OC Community Health Centers; Jim Russell, Refuge Calvary; Joanne Gray, Anaheim First Christian Church; Joey Beason, Cottonwood Church; John Daniel, OperationOC; John White, St. John Neumann Catholic Church; Junko Cora, Mariners Church; Ken Hicks, Giving Children Hope; Ken Schemmer, Yorba Linda Friends; Lee Sandusky, Mariners Church; **Mike Hicks, Giving Children Hope**; Pauline Nishida, Campus Crusade for Christ; **Peter Allen, Hope Force International**; Rebecca Tamondong, Catholic Charities of OC; Robert Ward, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Rodney Jennings, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Roger Tierney, Focus OC ; Stephanie Neu, Yorba Linda Friends Church; Susan Johnson, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian; Tino Suffi, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Tom and **Sharon Cowart**, Christian Mission Church; Valerie Wolf, OperationOC; Vicki McGuinness, OperationOC/Hope Force International; Vincent Gerace, St. John Neumann Catholic Church; Virgil Garduque, Operation OC; (**Bold** = new)

Welcome, Introductions

Request was made to update the DP&RP Service Matrix

Request was made for partners who have not yet submitted the Plan of Cooperation to speak to church leadership about formalizing membership in the DP&RP, in accordance with California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) regulations

All partners are requested to complete LiveScan background check (free at OCRM) and photo ID for badges; contact [Vicki](#) to schedule an appointment.

All partners are encouraged to complete FEMA's [ICS-100 online class](#) for an overview of incident management.

Training – The full training calendar is available at www.operationoc.org/Training.aspx

Highlighted:

CERT, Costa Mesa, Sept 16-18

[Hope Force Basic Training Intensive](#), Sept 22-24, Santa Ana

(Peter Allen shared his positive recent training experience.)

Flood Prevention Training, Dept. of Water Resources, September 15 from 8 to 3:30 at Huntington Beach EOC.

- Please share any other relevant training opportunities that would be useful to add to the website; email [Vicki](#) for posting.

Planning

Preparing Together – Partners with a designated Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army [*Preparing Together*](#) program will be provided a free Starter Kit. There are 17 kits available; contact [Vicki](#) if you are interested.

Upcoming Meetings

Radio Communications, Sept. 12, 2-3:30pm, Village of Hope

Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs Working Group, Wed, Sept 29, 10a-12n,
OC Social Services Agency, 1505 E. Warner Ave, Santa Ana, conference room C109/C110

COAD-OC, Thurs, Oct. 13, 10a – 12n, Red Cross, 600 N. Parkcenter Drive, Room 208,
Santa Ana; entrance on north side of building

Announcements

9th Annual People Helping People Festival, Sun, 9/11, volunteer fair, 12-4p, Crystal Court. (Vicki made many connections with many groups interested in *Preparing Together*.)

Irvine Disaster Preparedness Expo, Sat, 9/17, 9a-2p, 23 Lake Road, Irvine
Community Shelter Kit Drive

Citizen Preparedness Drill (Citizen Corps Council), Oct. 1, Beckman HS, Irvine
OperationOC Partnership to feed volunteers; [Roger Tierney](#) of FOCUS OC, lead

27th annual Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Academy, Oct. 26, Anaheim Conv. Center.
[Catalogs](#) were distributed. \$100/person if registered as a group of 5 or more; contact Ken Schemmer *by Sept 30*.

Update: 40 scholarships have been made available to those attending the faith-based (20) and schools (20) tracks. Limit one (1) **\$50 scholarship** per church or school; church or school to determine whether full scholarship goes to one person or is shared between all wishing to attend.

Monthly OperationOC radio net will be conducted at 4 pm today

Announcement Round Table

Roger Tierney – shared how to gain experience in mass feeding by helping out with homeless feeding at Valencia Community Center each Sunday from 5-8pm. Contact [Roger](#) if interested.

Vincent Gerace and Ken Schemmer – discussed ideas for putting together food boxes.

Don Thorpe – provided information for discount food purchase from
www.angelfoodministries.com

Vicki McGuinness – Tom Cowart developed OperationOC postcards to encourage volunteering, preparedness, and involvement in DP&RP.

Grace Zambrana-Sutton – shared the very helpful ARC [“21 Weeks to Prepare”](#) handout.

Ken Schemmer – Yorba Linda Friends Church will be presenting “How to Start a Disaster Response Team in Your House of Worship” at the ARC Preparedness Academy in the faith-based track.

Presentation and Discussion Topics

Discussion Topics

[National Preparedness Month](#) – September

Register as a member at <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM>

Reports on NPM activities:

Joanne Gray shared that her congregation has been organized by zip code to facilitate the implementation of *Preparing Together*. Team leaders

provide information to neighbors at neighborhood potlucks. An earthquake drill will be carried out during church.

Susan Johnson will be sharing the *Preparing Together* program with parish nurses.

Joey Beason and Cottonwood Church are participating in a pilot ReadyOC program, Ready Sunday, in October. A 30-second PSA will be shown during the weekend services and ReadyOC preparedness packets will be distributed.

Ken Hicks is involved with an emergency response group at Cypress Village. The group has assembled a list of residents who may need preparedness assistance and are preparing to implement the Preparing Together program.

Tom Cowart shared his concern for low income residents of OC and how to help provide emergency food and water kits. He suggested compiling a list of people to supply with kits and to offer at discounted prices or free with supplies from [Earthquake-Management](#).

Roger Tierney recommended the website www.totallyunprepared.com

NPM presentations:

Vincent Gerace presented information on how he and John White started setting up a procedure manual for emergencies at St. John Neumann by focusing on what the staff/congregation wanted to know.

Don Thorpe shared that his congregation is part of a pilot ReadyOC program, Ready Sunday. Interested members will attend a basic seminar and receive a bag with information. Members wanting more information will be provided with more training. The city of Garden Grove will be also advertising the seminar.

Great California ShakeOut, 10:20 am on 10/20

The resources available at <http://www.shakeout.org/resources/> were discussed. Partners were encouraged to register as ShakeOut participants and gain access to these resources including audio files of earthquake sounds, a PowerPoint presentation, print and electronic materials, and instructional videos.

Online Resources

Resource for medical teams: <http://www.ndlsf.org/common/content.asp?PAGE=137>

National Disaster Life Support Foundation provides courses for medical personnel with the basic class available online

OPOC website – reminder about ability to edit and customize disaster preparedness manual at www.operationoc.org/MainTabs/Partners/Resources.aspx

FEMA has recognized the importance of developing a curriculum to engage pastors in training for disaster response; *The Role of Pastors in Disasters Curriculum Development Project: Preparing Faith-Based Leaders to be Agents of Safety*.

If we missed your suggestion, update or resource information, please email [Vicki](#) and we will update the minutes.

Prayer Update/Needs

Chuck & Sandy Bender (BGEA Rapid Response Team) – Helping with record-level floods in Wayne, NJ; many are discouraged as this comes at the same time as the 10th anniversary of 9/11, which affected many local residents personally.

Lori Mayfield – deployed with Samaritan’s Purse to floods in Wayne, NJ; pray for stamina, good health, strong back & muscles, rest & sleep; sleeping on the floor of a church and sharing a room with 8 women!

Ray & Suzanne Thompson (BGEA Rapid Response Team) – Returned from Japan, recovering from jet lag

Jim & Sandy Giannestras – deployed to Bern, SC

Texas – fire emergency workers and victims

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Operational Meeting: Monday, October 3, **12 noon-2:00 pm**, at the Village of Hope Chapel