

**Kern VOAD
Minutes
May 27, 2009
Commonwealth Building
3300 Truxtun Avenue**

FACILITATOR: Mike Lynch

Agency Reports:

Aging and Adults:

- Nothing to report.

Sheriff:

- First time attending Kern VOAD.
- Nothing to report.

Civil Air Patrol:

- Last month Civil Air Patrol searched for two persons in a power glider. Found 10miles north of Mammoth. No survivors.
- There have been budget cuts to the Air Force.

IFOC:

- Kerry Bulls is in Maryland attending CISM training.
- Looking for a “Train the Trainer” for CERT, to get more in the area.

KCDPH

- Last month Public Health opened up its DOC due to H1N1 (swine flu).
- KCDPH should have had a communication with Kern VOAD during the event.
- KCDPH had daily meetings at the DOC going over the incident action plan.
- KCDPH had communications with the media and medical partners.
- There was 1 single case in Kern County of a 15 month old that had already recovered.
- Used surveillance and sample collection for H1N1 (swine flu).
- Monitoring the Southern Hemisphere during their flu season.
- Lots of swine flu vaccines will be produced and will be a strong incentive to administer the vaccine to the public.
- May need look to Kern VOAD to have mass distributions of Vaccines.
- Keep on the agenda

KLA:

- Continue to work on training’s for the Churches.

KMRC:

- Recruiting more KMRC members.
- KMRC orientations are set up for June.

OES:

- Participated in training on EOC for Local Government.

- Working on a request for a proposal for EOC software.
- Kicked off public outreach campaign for Ready Kern.
- Stocking the trailers.
- Audit of grants coming up from Cal FEMA.
- Going out in the community to spread personal preparedness.

Red Cross:

- Red Cross “Riding for the Red” Event coming up on June 6, 2009. The price is \$40.00 which includes a barbeque meal at “Ethel’s”. Red Cross does not supply the horses.
- Super CPR Saturday will be on June 20th at the Rabobank Arena. Kern VOAD members are welcome to come set up a booth.
- Super CPR Saturday will train at least 1000 people at the event and are offering CPR and First Aid classes at a rate of \$35.00.
- Red Cross is very involved with evacuation and shelter planning for special populations.
- Participated in “Fast Training” with the State.
- “Fast trained” people will work with special population.
- Red Cross is suffering with donations which are their only revenue source.
- Target will donate 3 million dollars for top charities that were voted on. The Red Cross is in the top three.

Southern Baptist:

- Just returned from a National Round Table in Phoenix.
- The Round Table encouraged Southern Baptist to get MOU’s with all the agencies to be prepared in case of an emergency.
- In case they get called out to cook, they will already have MOU’s on hand and done ahead of time for disasters.
- Worked on a disaster in San Diego.
- During the Santa Barbara disaster, Southern Baptist served about five thousand meals within a week. 10 were baptized at this event.

VRM:

- VRM is looking to recruit more members.
- The annual Grief and Trauma Training has a group of graduates to recruit.
- Doug Hare is moving out of the area and VRM will fill the vacancy in the fall.
- Rich Smith will fill in for Kern County.
- VRM has more business cards with an 800 hotline number for easier access to services.

FEMA:

- Hurricane season has officially started.
- National volunteer’s conference held in San Francisco on June 24th.
- The SC VOAD meeting will be held on June 2nd.
- Roll out of national shelter system.
- Setting up training stations.
- Matrix system has more donations.
- Brought FEMA for kid’s information to the Red Cross.

Resource Directory:

- Don Harris of United Way is not in attendance.
- Kern VOAD is a non operational entity that will not be on call.
- Kern VOAD is an entity to let the community know what is available in the community.

- The Gatekeeper to Kern VOAD is the OES personnel department.
- Most OES' have a seat for Kern VOAD at the EOC.
- There is a chair for volunteers and donations at the EOC that can be utilized by Kern VOAD.
- Riverside County has a great resource directory to use as a tool for our Resource Directory.
- Kern VOAD will need a printed Resource Directory guide that can be updated.
- Loraine Castro will volunteer to re work the Riverside document.
- The Resource directory will help with making contact during a disaster
- One of the original functions of VOAD is to provide the public with information and resources that are available.
- Kern VOAD member to come back with a list of functions that kern VOAD provides.

Other:

- FEMA will send out information to Valerie to distribute to the group and cc to Mike Lynch.
- Most VOAD'S have presentations at their meetings.
- Invite national VOAD to next meeting.
- Lots of members of VOAD have not attended lately.
- Major pharmaceutical companies are producing more vaccines this flu season.
- The seasonal vaccine is not a protection against swine flu.

New Business:

- Kern VOAD will dedicate the next meeting to the Resource Directory.
- Valerie will send out reminder emails to participate in the next meeting.
- If members can't attend themselves to send a delegate (mandatory meeting next month).
- John Chavez of FEMA will try to get State VAL to report to the VOAD group in July.

Checking Account Report:

- \$3770.00

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 2:30 PM

Minutes Taken by: Valerie Linton