

## Topanga Emergency Management Task Force February 8, 2012

### Task Force Members in Attendance:

Pat MacNeil, T-CEP and ARC  
Keith Harrison, CEO, Office of Emergency Management  
Susan Nissman, Cynthia Scott, Third District  
John Adkins, DPW-Road Maintenance Division  
Chief Anthony Whittle and Maria Grycan, Fire Department  
Mary Lukins, County Animal Care and Control  
Karl Tso, Topanga Elementary School  
Stacy Sledge, Topanga Town Council  
Alli Acker, LACDACERT  
Brad Davis, CERT  
Scott Ferguson, CERT  
Michael Edwards, ARC  
Susan Clark, Topanga Animal Rescue  
Ben Squire, Arson Watch  
Ryan Ulyate, N. TCB Fire Safe Council (newly appointed primary)  
Eric Fox and Charles Norris, SD  
Leland Tang, CHP

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, Keith Harrison.

### I. Welcome

- A. Introductions
- B. Minutes from the November 16, 2011 were reviewed and approved

### II. Issues and Reports

- A. Development of a Mission Statement
  - a. The Task Force wrote and approved the following Mission Statement:

**The mission of the Topanga Emergency Management Task Force, a partnership of designated public agencies, non-governmental organizations, and community organizations is to ensure the sustainability of emergency management efforts and strategies for the Los Angeles County unincorporated area of Topanga. The Task Force oversees the coordination and communication among governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the community to improve preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery. It will develop, review, and monitor community-based emergency plans, facilitate emergency planning exercises, ensure community involvement and educational outreach, and evaluate and update emergency plans after a disaster.**

- p. Ryan Ulyate noted the UCSB study of evacuation was of interest and will forward to FD, et al.
- q. Pat is confirming that T-CEP will be accepting donations.
- r. The Safety Workbook content and design is being finalized with Maria and Scott Ferguson. Historical perspectives of the fires of 1959 and 1993 may be included.
- s. An Operation meeting with law enforcement will be held, date tbd.

### **III. Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Announcements**

- a. Onetopanga.com is currently posting fire behavior levels from NPS. Smoky camera is too expensive. FD will see what they can offer.
- b. NTCBFSC is offering four educational events from April to July based on the topics people showed interest in the survey. They are working with Station 69 to coordinate brush clearance needs.

### **IV. Public Comments – None.**

### **V. Adjournment**

Next Meeting scheduled before the Drill on April 18, 2012 at 9:30 am at the Topanga Library.