



## **City of Beverly Hills**

### **Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting**

**June 25, 2012**

**4:00 PM**

**City Hall Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive**

***Enhancing the Health and Safety of  
Our Community***

A detailed Commission packet is available for review in the Library and City Clerk's Office.



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**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
City Hall Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
AGENDA**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

June 25, 2012

4:00 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. COMMISSION MINUTES**

- Consideration of minutes of May 21, 2012.

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

**E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – June 12, 2012.
- Other items of interest.

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Report from Lewis Hall, Beverly Hills School District Board Member
- Information Only:
  - a) Commission Calendar
  - b) Beverly Hills CPR Newsletter
  - c) Japan Tsunami Debris
  - d) It's Barbeque Time in LA County
  - e) Various Social Media Sites

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update from the Police Department – Sargent Gregg Mader  
Provides information from the Police Department on related topics.
2. Update from Public Works Department – Christian Di Renzo  
Provides updates on Public Works related topics.
3. Cable Programing – Rick Gale  
Provides information and input on upcoming Cable TV programing.
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Pamela Mottice-Muller  
The Commission will elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the FU 2012-1213.
5. New Commissioners Recruitment – Pamela Mottice-Muller  
Provides information on the new Commission recruitment process.
6. Disaster Summit update Report – Pamela Mottice-Muller  
Provides a copy of staff report that went to City Council.

**H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners' brief responses to public comments, questions for clarification, brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

City of Hall Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA. 90210

### **MINUTES**

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

May 21, 2012

4:00 p.m.

*This meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.*

##### **A. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Aronberg, Kopeikin, Landau, Seidel, Vice Chair Setian, Chair Judelson  
Commissioners Absent: Millan

##### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was held by Chair Judelson, Seidel

##### **C. COMMISSION MINUTES**

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 21, 2012 (6/0)

Ayes: Aronberg, Kopeikin, Landau, Seidel, Vice Chair Setian, Chair Judelson

Noes: None

Absent: Millan

CARRIED.

##### **D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

##### **E. REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON**

A report was provided on the Mayors Cabinet meeting.

##### **F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Report from Lewis Hall, Beverly Hills School Board member

Mr. Hall reported Beverly Hills High School was proposing to conduct random drug testing of athletes.

- Report from Lt. Mark Rosen

Lt. Rosen spoke in reference to an accident that occurred at a residence under construction where a trench caved in on a laborer. The Fire, Police and Public Works Department responded as well as various outside agencies. The incident lasted for about 10-12 hours. The investigation into the incident is the responsibility of OSHA not the Police Department. The Commissioners asked a variety of questions and suggested outreach be provided to encourage the businesses to hire license contractors and to pull permits on all work. David Yelton, Community Development,

explained that the permit process would require the contractor to perform specific safety precautions when working in trenches.

- Adrienne Tarazon, Executive Assistant, was introduced as the new Commission Liaison Secretary.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION TO OEM VOLUNTEER ALEX KAY**

Alex Kay was introduced to the Commission. He has been a volunteer for the City for ten years and a volunteer for the Office of Emergency Management for over three years. He coordinates outreach for events such as Woofstock, Health and Safety Week, Earth Day, Fire Service Day and the Police Department Pancake Breakfast. Alex also serves as a photographer for exercises and trainings such as the Shakeout. He previously taught CPR classes for BHCPR. He puts in over 40 volunteer hours a year. The Commission thanked Alex for his service.

### **2. WOOD ROOF REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE STATUS REPORT**

David Yelton, Community Development and Michael Newell, Fire Department, provided a report on the status of the implementation of the City's Wood Roof Replacement Ordinance. It requires the replacement of flammable wood roofs by July 1, 2013. Now that the deadline is rapidly approaching, staff has stepped-up a community awareness campaign targeted at approximately 215 properties that maintain non-compliant combustible wood roofs. Public outreach efforts and announcements have been orchestrated. Commissioners encouraged Building and Safety to outreach to residents on the importance of hiring a license roofer and provided other suggestions. The City Council will discuss at the next City Council meeting.

### **3. WATER QUALITY REPORT**

Kevin Watson, Water Operations Manager, briefed the commission on the 2012 Water Quality Report available to the public in July 2012. A variety of questions were asked by the Commission. Report will be mailed out to the public before June 10.

### **4. DISASTER SUMMIT UPDATE**

The Disaster Summit Stakeholder Meeting was discussed, which was held on April 30. Over 85 people were in attendance. 23 people did not show to the event as well as an additional 15 people that showed without RSVPs. The Commissioners provided input about the summit. Commissioners were thanked for their participation. Everyone agreed it was a success and hoped additional follow up will be completed.

## **H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Seidel asked to put the process on replacing two commissioners on the next agenda. Commissioner Aronberg would like a follow up on safety issues such as texting while walking and suggested having the person from USC come and speak again. Vice Chair Setian: stated an abridged version of the *Every 15 Minute Program*, will be held on November 27. Commissioner Landau stated that DCS participated in the City's EOC Drop In Drill. He also stated he received First Observer Training from the Department of Homeland Security and will present it at a future City Council meeting.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Landau

Second: Seidel

There being no further business, Chair Judelson, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This 25th of June, 2012

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Debra R. Judelson, Chair





June 2012

## Beverly Hills CPR Newsletter

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### Did you know?

During the first week of June (1st-7th) is National CPR and AED Awareness Week and spotlights how lives can be saved if more Americans know CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

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## Beverly Hills CPR June Class Schedule

### BLS for Healthcare Providers



**05/29/2012 @ 6:30PM**  
**06/09/2012 @ 9:30AM**  
**06/26/2012 @ 6:30PM**

*The BLS for Healthcare Providers Course covers core material such as adult and pediatric CPR (including two-rescuer scenarios and use of the bag mask), foreign-body airway obstruction, and automated external defibrillation.*

*For healthcare providers such as EMS personnel, physician assistants, doctors, dentists, nurses, and respiratory therapists who must have a credential (card) documenting successful completion of a CPR course. This would also include nursing students, EMT students and anyone that is interested in becoming a BLS Instructor*

**Heartsaver CPR/AED**  
**05/29/2012 @ 6:30PM**  
**06/09/2012 @ 9:30AM**  
**06/26/2012 @ 6:30PM**



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A very special thanks goes out to Mercedes-Benz of Beverly Hills. Thanks to their generous donation, the entire freshman class, over 500 students, will be trained in CPR/AED/ and First Aid at Beverly Hills High School.

*The Heartsaver CPR Course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and infant CPR and relief of choking, and use of barrier devices and Automatic External Defibrillators for all ages.*

### **Heartsaver First Aid**

**06/09/2012 @ 1:00pm**

*The Heartsaver First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Course content includes General Principles, Medical Emergencies, and Injury Emergencies. Optional topics include CPR and AED, and Environmental Emergencies.*

### **Friends & Family CPR**

**06/12/2012 @ 5:30pm**

**06/26/2012 @ 5:30pm**

*Family members, friends and members of the general community who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card. The Family & Friends CPR program teaches how to perform CPR in adults, children, and how to help an adult or child who is choking.*

### **Friends & Family Infant CPR**

**06/12/2012 @ 7:00pm**

**06/26/2012 @ 7:00pm**

*The Family & Friends CPR program teaches how to perform CPR on infants, and how to help an infant who is choking. The Family & Friends CPR program teaches how to perform CPR infants and how to help an infant who is choking.*

### **Pet CPR**

**Call for Schedule**

*Please be advised that we also offer all of our classes as an online course followed by a short skills test that takes place one hour prior to each of our regularly scheduled classes.*

*To obtain more information on class location, pricing, and to register, you can visit our website at*



[www.bhcpr.org](http://www.bhcpr.org)

## **Beverly Hills CPR Contact Info**

**455 North Rexford Drive**

**Beverly Hills CA 90210**

**(310) 281-2753**

**fax: (310) 550-9277**

[www.bhcpr.org](http://www.bhcpr.org)

[contact@bhcpr.org](mailto:contact@bhcpr.org)

Check us out on [Facebook!](#)

Beverly Hills CPR is a non-profit organization that relies on donations from the community to keep the program running. Through your generous donation you are helping to save a life.

To make a donation you can reach us at the contact information provided above.

### **The first week of June is National CPR/AED awareness week!**

Beverly Hills CPR and the Beverly Hills Fire Department to host free Hands-Only CPR training in honor of National CPR Week

Training to be held on June 7th at Beverly Hills Fire Station 1

In honor of National CPR Week, the American Heart Association (AHA) is collaborating with the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency to coordinate Countywide CPR program. Emergency healthcare providers, such as fire departments, ambulance companies, hospitals and education programs will be going out into the community to teach residents how to save a life with CPR. This service is free to the public and will be held in various locations across Southern California, with the goal of increasing the number of lifesavers in the community.

The Beverly Hills CPR and the Beverly Hills Fire Department will join these efforts and host free Hands-Only CPR training at Beverly Hills Fire Station 1, (445 N. Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills CA 90210) on June 7th with two sessions 9:00-10:30AM and 10:30-12Noon. CPR instructors will be on hand to demonstrate the basics and proper techniques of Hands-Only CPR, and participants will have the opportunity to practice on mannequins. The training will not result in CPR certification, but information on how you can be certified will be available.

Cardiac arrests are more common than you think, and they can happen to anyone at any time. Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually and only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander. Failure to act in a cardiac emergency can lead to unnecessary deaths. In fact, less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive. On the other hand, effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.

Anyone can learn CPR - and the American Heart Association believes that everyone should. Sadly, 70 percent of Americans may feel helpless to act during a cardiac emergency because they either do not know how to administer CPR or their training has significantly lapsed. This alarming statistic could hit close to home, because home is exactly where 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur. Put very simply: The life you save with CPR is mostly likely to be someone you love.

By using Hands-Only CPR, bystanders can still act to improve the odds of survival, whether they are trained in conventional CPR or not.

Don't be a bystander in a cardiac emergency. For more information about the free Hands-Only CPR training, contact BHCPR at 310 281 2753

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- About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Our mission is to build healthier lives by preventing, treating and defeating these diseases - two of America's leading killers. We fund cutting-edge research, conduct lifesaving public and professional educational programs, and advocate to protect public health. To learn more or join us in helping all Americans, call 1-800-

AHA-USA1 or visit [heart.org](http://heart.org).

## Learn **CPR** Today!



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### AHA Training Courses Available:



### **BLS Heartsaver CPR/AED First Aid**



#### **Beverly Hills CPR**

An American Heart Association Regional Training Center

**455 North Rexford Drive,**

**Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

(Next to the Fire Department and City Hall, across the street from the Police Station and Public Library.)

**310-281-2753**

**[www.BHCPR.org](http://www.BHCPR.org)**

## **Mom Saves Her 3-Month-Old's Life by Performing CPR**





A mom named Ashley Sanchez was feeding her 3-month-old baby, Ashlynn, when the unthinkable happened -- the baby turned pale and her eyes rolled back into her head because she had stopped breathing. But instead of screaming and starting to panic, Ashley leapt into action and immediately started performing CPR on her daughter, and even continued the process on the ride over to the hospital.

To Read More click [here](#)

Take a look at the video below to hear more about Ashley's experience performing CPR on her daughter: <http://bcove.me/6ssdxk0g>

Les Bronte  
Administrative Coordinator  
Beverly Hills CPR

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# Japan Tsunami Marine Debris

*What to do if you see debris*



## - GUIDELINES BY DEBRIS TYPE -

### GENERAL GUIDANCE

**Be safe:** Use common sense and follow general safety guidelines. If you don't know what an item is, don't touch it. If it appears hazardous, contact appropriate authorities.

Marine debris items or significant accumulations potentially related to the tsunami can be reported to [DisasterDebris@noaa.gov](mailto:DisasterDebris@noaa.gov) with as much information as possible (including its location, the date and time you found it, photos, and any relevant descriptions). It is important to remember that not all debris found on U.S. shorelines is from Japan, so please use your discretion when reporting items.

### Contact Information

U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center

Toll Free: 1-800-424-8802

Online: [www.nrc.uscg.mil/nrchp.html](http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/nrchp.html)

U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Command  
510-437-3701

**For more information, please visit:**

[www.marinedebris.noaa.gov](http://www.marinedebris.noaa.gov)



### Litter and other typical marine debris items

*Examples: Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, buoys, Styrofoam*

Common marine debris types may vary by location. If practical, we encourage you to remove the debris and recycle as much of it as possible.

### Potential hazardous materials (HAZMAT)

*Examples: Oil or chemical drums, gas cans, propane tanks*

Do not contact [DisasterDebris@noaa.gov](mailto:DisasterDebris@noaa.gov) for response assistance. Instead, contact your local authorities (a 911 call), state environmental health agency, or the National Response Center to report the item with as much information as possible. Do not touch the item or attempt to move it.

### Derelict vessel or other large debris item

*Examples: Adrift fishing boat, shipping containers*

Contact your local authorities (a 911 call) and state environmental health agency to report the item. If the debris item is a hazard to navigation or has a pollution risk, contact the National Response Center or the USCG Pacific Area Command for assistance. Do not attempt to move or remove vessels.

### Mementos or possessions

*Examples: Items with unique identifiers, names, or markings*  
If an item can 1) be traced back to an individual or group and 2) has personal or monetary value, it should be reported to [DisasterDebris@noaa.gov](mailto:DisasterDebris@noaa.gov). NOAA will work with local Japan consulates to determine if they can help return the item to Japan.

### Remains

It is highly unlikely that remains from the tsunami will reach the United States, but if you see human remains anywhere, contact local authorities (a 911 call) and report what you observed. Do not touch or attempt to move them.

### Unknown item

If you don't know what it is, don't touch it. If you believe it is a hazardous item, contact local authorities and report it.



**From:** Media Media [mailto:media@ph.lacounty.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2012 4:12 PM  
**To:** Media Media  
**Subject:** Press Release: It's Barbeque Time LA County!

**\*\*A Spanish-language version of this press release will be available on our website shortly.\*\***

For Immediate Release:  
May 24, 2012

It's Barbeque Time LA County!  
Memorial Day Cookouts: Tips from Public Health on Food and Water Safety

LOS ANGELES - As Memorial Day approaches, many Southern Californians will be gathering with family and friends to enjoy the long weekend playing at the beach, camping, or barbequing in the backyard. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is offering several tips to help everyone enjoy their holiday weekend free of food-borne illnesses, water-related illnesses, sunburn, or accidents.

#### Food Safety Tips

"Cooks should only have to worry about whether there's enough food on the table for a gathering and not whether the food will make people sick. If the dishes are not properly prepared or cooked, food can contain bacteria and other infectious agents that could cause food poisoning," said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health and Health Officer. "Simple food safety precautions such as washing your hands before and after handling raw food and maintaining correct temperatures during and after cooking will ensure your guests walk away with great memories of a good meal instead of a nasty illness."

Some common symptoms that may be caused by food-borne illness include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, dehydration, and fever. Most of these types of illnesses are caused by three problems: allowing "cold" foods, like potato salad, to get warm or "hot" foods, like casseroles or meatballs, to get to room temperature; handling food with contaminated hands; and not cooking foods such as meat or chicken thoroughly.

#### Before you barbeque or prepare food:

- Always wash your hands with hot water and soap before and after handling any food, especially raw meat, poultry, or seafood.
- When marinating for long periods of time, it is important to keep foods refrigerated. Don't use sauce that was used to marinate raw meat or poultry on cooked food.
- Keep raw foods, especially meat, poultry, or seafood, away from cooked foods. Do not use the same plate, tray or utensils for raw and cooked foods.
- Keep meats, salads, and other perishable foods in the refrigerator until you are ready to use them. If you store your food in a cooler, keep the temperature at or below 40° F (4° C), and keep the lid closed as much as possible. Pack plenty of extra ice or freezer packs to insure a constant cold temperature. Store your cooler in the shade, away from birds and animals.
- Barbeques should be pre-heated before cooking. When using a charcoal grill, preheat the coals on your grill for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the coals are lightly coated with ash.

#### During cooking:

- Always check the temperature of the food before you stop cooking. Use a food thermometer to make sure food has reached a safe internal temperature. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends all cooked meats and poultry rest for three minutes before cutting to ensure

optimum safety and quality.

- o Beef, veal, lamb steaks, roasts: at least 145° F (63° C).
- o Ground beef (hamburgers), ground pork: 160° F (71° C).
- o All poultry, including ground meats: 165° F (74° C).
- o Fish: 145° F (63° C); should be opaque and flake easily with a fork.
- o Shrimp, lobster, crabs: meat should be pearly and opaque.
- o Clams, oysters, mussels: shells should be open.

After cooking:

- Put cooked food on a clean plate or tray.
- Don't use leftover marinade or sauce from the raw food on the cooked food.
- Keep all food covered to prevent cross contamination and to avoid attracting flies.
- Eat food as soon as it is ready.
- Leftovers should be placed in shallow containers, and refrigerated. Food may be covered when cool.
- Leftovers should be reheated to 165° F (74° C) before eating.
- Eat leftovers within two days.

For more information on food safety, check out the "Fight Bac!" website from the Partnership for Food Safety Information at [www.fightbac.org](http://www.fightbac.org).

For information on food safety at fairs and festivals, visit [www.cdc.gov/features/fairsandfood](http://www.cdc.gov/features/fairsandfood).

#### Recreational Water Safety Tips

This year's National Recreational Water Illness and Injury (RWII) Prevention Week is May 21-27, 2012. In support of RWII week, "we want to encourage people to enjoy the great beaches, lakes, water parks, and swimming pools that Los Angeles County has to offer in the healthiest way possible," said Dr. Fielding. "That means taking precautions to ensure that you, your friends and family don't get sick from germs in lakes and the ocean. Don't swallow water while swimming or playing; do shower before entering a pool or spa, and practice good hygiene when visiting public swimming pools."

Recreational water illnesses (RWI) are caused by swallowing water in pools, spas, oceans, lakes, or rivers. Diarrheal illnesses are most commonly reported and may be due to parasites and bacteria such as *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia*, or *E. coli* O157. Swimmers who ingest contaminated water could experience severe symptoms such as diarrhea, or milder symptoms such as bloating, cramping, and nausea.

Accurate statistics on the number of cases of water-borne illness in Los Angeles County are not available because RWI often goes unreported or is misdiagnosed. Nationwide, there were 78 waterborne disease outbreaks associated with recreational water that were reported between 2005 and 2006, the most recent period for which there is published data, according to the CDC. Those 78 outbreaks left 4,412 sickened, resulting in 116 hospitalizations and five deaths. Swimmers and other recreational water users consider the following precautions when enjoying beaches, water parks, pools, or other venues:

- People should routinely and carefully disinfect their pools or spas using chlorine or an equivalent product. They should also use a filter to screen out solids.
- Swimmers, including children, who have diarrhea should never enter public water areas.
- Toddlers should use swim diapers and the diaper should be checked often. If it needs to be changed, this should be done in the restroom and not near the water.
- Swimmers should wash their hands after using the toilet, and after changing a child's diaper.
- Swimmers, including children, should practice good hygiene by showering before entering the water.
- Children should be taught to not swallow water either in swimming pools, in the ocean or in a lake. Children ages one to nine years of age are particularly vulnerable to infection as they tend to swallow water indiscriminately. Pregnant women and those with compromised immune systems are also at greater risk.

#### Drowning Prevention:

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning is the second-leading cause of death for children under the age of 15. For every drowning fatality, four to ten children suffer a near-drowning incident, which could result in severe, permanent brain damage. These incidents can be prevented through:

- Active supervision; watch children at all times. Do not be distracted by conversations, reading, or napping.
- Installing fences with self-closing and self-latching gates around pools and spas.
- Learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Enrolling children in swim lessons.

#### Avoid Sun Damage:

- Stay in the shade whenever possible, but especially between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 and UVA and UVB protection. Reapply often, especially after going into the water or excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreen may be used on babies six months and older.

Inspection reports for public swimming pools in Los Angeles County and information on beach conditions are available online at [publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/water.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/water.htm). Recorded information on beach conditions is available by calling (800) 525-5662.

The Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Public Health comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an annual budget exceeding \$750 million. To learn more about Public Health and the work we do please visit [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov), visit our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/lapublichealth](http://www.youtube.com/lapublichealth), find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lapublichealth](http://www.facebook.com/lapublichealth), or follow us on Twitter: LAPublicHealth.

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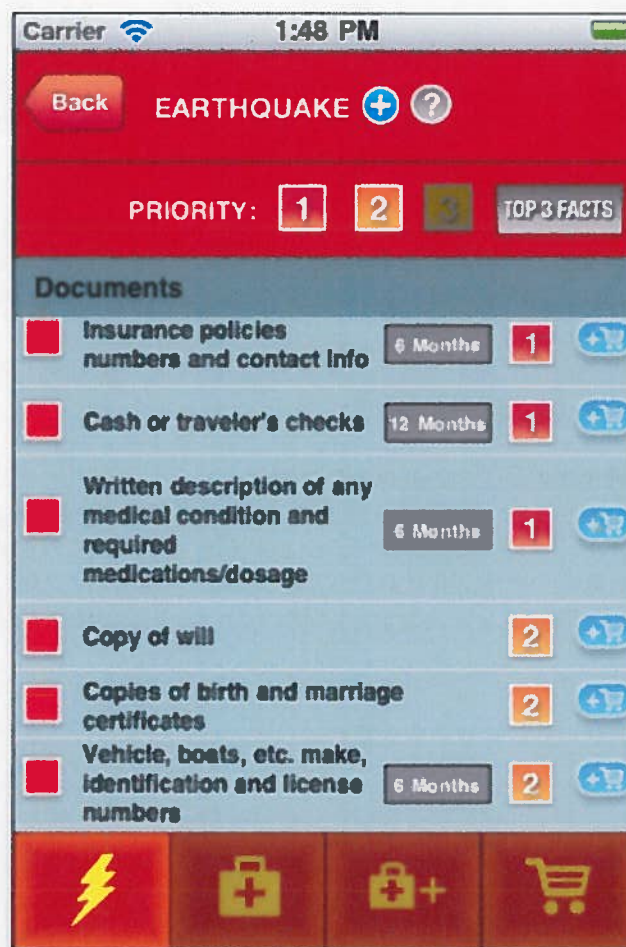
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## 5 iPhone Apps for Disaster Preparedness Month

Nicole Martinelli (2:44 pm PDT, Sep 21 2011)

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*The StopDisaster! app*

There are some great iPhone apps to help you prepare for U.S. National Preparedness Month.

As an avid follower of pseudo-observances, I would remind you that is also Apple Month – the other kind – International People Skills Month and Attention Deficit Disorder Month.

Where were we? Oh yeah, back to disasters. Earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fire, snowmageddon and the like.

September is a fine time to prepare for impending doom!

As a San Francisco native who took Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT!), I was pretty smug about preparedness until a pipe burst in my house the other night. (The time to remember you still haven't found a reliable on-call plumber is not when your kitchen sink turns into a fountain).

Here are my five picks for apps to help you get organized.

### 1. StopDisaster \$1.99.

If you can't stop the calamity, you can stop it from turning into a disaster if you are organized. The app provides a handy series of items you'll need on hand for various emergencies – floods, earthquakes, high winds etc.

It's the brainchild of renaissance dude Marco Flavio Marinucci, who sat near me in earthquake preparedness training class. While I rekindled childhood admiration for the firefighters who taught the course, Marco Flavio got the idea to go mobile with the smart lists of stuff they told us to have handy into an app – including shopping lists plus info about documents, pets etc.

### 2. Phone Aid, \$1.99.

CPR is one of the things not covered by most basic preparedness courses (it's standalone training) this app offers a series of slideshows that will help jog your memory if you've done CPR training and, if not, provides some first aid measures to do while you wait for emergency services. Nice perk: it offers American and European guidelines for lay rescuers.

There are scores of apps available for first aid and CPR, this is the app credited with saving the life of a teenage basketball player.

### 3. wikiHow: DIY survival kit, free.

This may also provide some interesting reading during the inevitable down times disaster brings: the survival kit includes extreme scenarios like how to control a spooked camel and survive a dirty bomb. In addition to those scintillating tidbits, you'll also get access to 75,000 topics from wikiHow, plus videos. There are categories for natural disasters, home emergencies and first aid, too.



# Be ready with disaster preparedness apps

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In an emergency, there's lot of first-aid and other help available for your smartphone

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By  
Dan Hope

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There is a wealth of information online covering what to do in a disaster, but victims of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane or earthquake, seldom have access to the Internet. What they often have, on the other hand, is a smartphone, which is why a disaster preparedness app is a good thing for anyone to download.

There are many [kinds of disasters](#) and emergencies, but the nice thing about disaster readiness apps is that a few simple actions can cover a number of different situations. Most apps will also have details and recommendations for specific scenarios, too.

One of the most important apps to have is a first aid app. These help people in emergencies diagnose and treat injuries and illness until authorities arrive. But the apps don't necessarily have to focus on disaster scenarios. First aid apps can help save someone suffering from a stroke or other injury.

Popular first aid apps for Android users include First Aid (free), Pocket First Aid and CPR (\$2.99) and Emergency First Aid Guide (\$0.99). For iPhone and iPad users, try American Medical Aid (\$2.99), Pocket First Aid and CPR (\$3.99) and First Aid Guide (\$1.99).

In an emergency, there's more to know than how to treat wounds. That's where the emergency preparedness apps come in handy. Disaster apps instruct you how to [prepare for disasters](#) by stocking food and water supplies, creating an escape plan and identifying hazards. And they cover a variety of situations, so the app will be handy no matter where you live or what happens

For Android users, check out Disaster Readiness (\$0.99), Disaster Survival Guide (\$1.36), Survival Preparedness (\$0.99), Emergency Kit Organizer (free) and Are You Ready? (free), an app from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. iPhone and iPad users should try Emergency Supply List (\$0.99), Disaster Survival (\$0.99) and Disaster Alert (free).

Keep in mind that there are plenty of other apps that can help in emergency situations. For instance, communication is important, so apps that can translate text to Morse code flashes on the smartphone screen (yes, there really is an app for that) or translate foreign languages (especially [while traveling](#)) can be essential.

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## App for Locating Friends After A Disaster Goes Live on Facebook

By Carlton Purvis

06/12/2012 -



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched two new apps that allow people to create emergency preparedness plans and track the status of Facebook friends in disaster zones.

The apps, bReddi and Project: Lifeline went live on Facebook recently, coinciding with the start of [hurricane season](#). Project: Lifeline took first place in the [ASPR/Health 2.0 Developer Challenge](#).

"People who have friends or relatives they can rely on for help are healthier and live longer than those who don't. Every disaster has the potential to impact health, so having people you can depend on for help is especially important during a disaster," says the HHS Web site.

HHS says the apps can help people to identify their lifelines – "[Facebook friends](#) a user can count on, and who agree to check on them in an emergency, supply them with shelter, food, or other necessities, or provide the user's social network with an update about their situation" – ahead of an emergency.

"After disasters, [a tremendous number of people use Facebook to post and share information](#), so developing a Facebook app that would help people establish social connections they'll need in an emergency seemed like a natural way to enhance community and individual resilience," said Dr. Nicole Lurie, assistant secretary for preparedness and response for HHS, in a press release.

Both apps were winners of a challenge by [HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response](#) (ASPR) calling on software developers and the emergency response communities to come up with a Facebook app that could support individual community resilience. bReddi is an app that guides the user through building an emergency preparedness plan.

[Project: Lifeline](#) can be used to determine a person's whereabouts during and after a disaster:

*The Project: Lifeline interface displays the members of your social graph. From within Project: Lifeline you may report a friend "missing," which will update the interface to reflect that. After your friend has been reported missing, Project: Lifeline will attempt to contact them—along with any "lifelines" they have registered—and they or any of their lifelines can update the interface to authoritatively declare that your friend is safe and well. If your friend does not respond and none of their lifelines are able to locate them, Lifeline will help you both get the word out to their*

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By Matthew Harwood

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## Facility Emergency Management

By Emergency Film Group; Reviewed by Mayer Nudell, CSC

The Emergency Film Group (EFG) has released another training video in its excellent series.

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larger social graph and coordinate efforts to support them. Throughout the entire process, every member of your friend's social network will be able to come to the interface and view trustworthy, up-to-date information on your friend's status, allowing you to focus on what you need to do to support them.

Its creators say the app was designed with large-scale disasters in mind and that the best lifelines are close friends and family members who are likely to know the user's whereabouts if something were to happen to them.

Both apps can be accessed from HHS ASPR at [www.phe.gov/lifeline/](http://www.phe.gov/lifeline/) or directly through Facebook.

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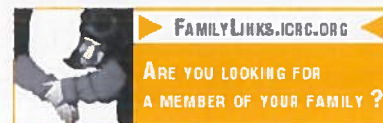


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ICRC home

[FamilyLinks.icrc.org](http://familylinks.icrc.org)


## Welcome to the FamilyLinks website of the International Committee of the Red Cross

The aim of this site is to help people separated by conflict or disaster to get back in contact.

**Are you looking for a missing person? Might someone be looking for you? Please click one of the links below.**

### Bosnia and Herzegovina



People missing in connection with the conflict in **Bosnia-Herzegovina**

*Za osobe nestale u vezi sa sukobom na teritoriji **Bosne i Hercegovine***

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See also: *Bosnia and Herzegovina: a race against time*

### Croatia



People missing in connection with the conflict in **Croatia**

*Za osobe nestale na području **Republike Hrvatske***

Hrvatski

### Iraq



People missing in connection with the conflict in **Iraq**

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See also: *Iran/Iraq: speeding up efforts to account for 1980-1988 war missing*

### Japan



For people seeking to restore contact with family members affected by the earthquake in Japan.

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### Kosovo



People missing in connection with the crisis in **Kosovo**

*Për personat e pagjetur në lidhje me krizën në **Kosovë***

*Za lica koja se vode kao nestala u vezi s krizom na **Kosovu***

Shqip Srpski

See also: *Olja's story: a missing husband, an interrupted life and no way out*

### Nepal



People missing in connection with the conflict in **Nepal**

See also: *Nepal: needs continue after the guns fall silent*

Somalia

### Further reading

#### How this site works

What is the ICRC Family Links website? How does it work? Read this FAQ for the answers!

#### Background

The ICRC's role in restoring contact between families separated by conflict or disaster

### Privacy and accuracy

#### Privacy

Any information you post here may appear in public places or be broadcast on radio or TV, so that people without Internet access can also see or hear it. Please post information only if you are happy for everyone to see it.

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All the information on this website is provided by people who are looking for missing relatives, or by people who believe others may be looking for them. The ICRC has no way of knowing if the information is correct, so we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies.



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The Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) was established as a FREE tool for daily emergencies and national disasters. NOKR is your emergency contact system to help if you or your family member is missing, injured or deceased. NOKR is the central depository for Emergency Contact information in the United States plus 87 other countries. (See NOKR's network of volunteers). NOKR is a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to bridging rapid emergency contact information. NOKR was established in January 2004, for daily emergency situations.

NOKR provides the public a free proactive service to store your emergency contacts, next of kin and vital medical information that would be critical to emergency response agencies. Stored information is only accessible via a secure area that is only accessible by emergency public trust agencies that have registered with NOKR.

NOKR encourages every township, county, municipality, city, state and nation to take ownership of the NOKR. This resource belongs to you, your citizens and to your emergency agencies. Take the NOKR registration forms and add your own identifying symbols.

NOKR is your trusted safe guarding organization for all personal emergency contacts worldwide. NOKR does not own the information we store, this information belongs to the registrants and is made available securely to registered emergency agencies during times of urgent need. NOKR is the protector of this vital bridging resource to reconnect individuals and families after urgent events.



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- Here are just a few scenarios where your information will be useful.
- Missing or injured child, adult or senior.
- Lost child.

- Those suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's.
- Accidents while travelling Nationally or Internationally.
- Unconscious person unable to communicate.
- Natural Disasters (Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Floods, Tsunamis, Fires).
- Terrorist Acts Nationally or Internationally.
- Deceased person used to locate a next of kin or point of contact.

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NOKR is currently used Nationally and Internationally. NOKR can be found on many, city, state and country websites throughout the world.

To request an emergency search contact your local Law Enforcement Agency.

**Short list of Agencies, States, Countries and Organizations using or linking the free NOKR resource:**

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 British Foreign & Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom  
 Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC)  
 United States Department of Agriculture (Tropical Storm and Hurricane Information)  
 United States Department of Homeland Security  
 Disasterhelp.gov (Non-Government Orgs)  
 United States Department of Interior National Park Service  
 United States Park Police  
 International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners  
 United States Department of Defense (AmericaSupportsYou)  
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# HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION CALENDAR

Updated: 6/20/12

## June 2012

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	12	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	All
Mon	25	4:00PM	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	

## July 2012

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	10	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	23	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

## August 2012

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	7	5:00-7:00pm	National Night Out	TBD	ALL
Tues	14	8:45Am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	27	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

## .SEPTEMBER 2012

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
National Preparedness Month					
Tues	11	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	24	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All



**.OCTOBER 2012**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	9	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	22	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

**.NOVEMBER 2012**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	13	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	26	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

**.DECEMBER 2012**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tues	11	8:45am	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	City Hall 280-B	TBD
Mon	17	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All



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**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners  
**FROM:** Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management  
**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Update from the Police Department

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Sargent Gregg Mader will be attending the meeting to discuss various Police Department issues/programs such as:

- *National Night Out* – August 7, 2012,
- recent sting operation on selling alcohol to minors and
- calling 911 from cellphones



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**FROM:** Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management  
**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Update from Public Works

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Christian Di. Renzo, Senior Management Analyst Public Works will speak on the following Public Works Health and Safety related topics.

- 2011 CCR,
- emergency roll-off bins,
- backflow and cross connection hazards and
- PPCP (pharmaceuticals and personal care products) in the water supply.

In your packet you will find the following supporting information to review

- Emergency Response Equipment Containers
- Beverly Hills 2011 Consumer Confidence Report
- Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Tips for Commerce and Industry
- The Truth About Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in Your Water

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**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners  
**FROM:** Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Services  
**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Cable Programming

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As part of 2012/2013 work plan the Office of Emergency Management and Information Technology Cable Office will develop programming for airing on Cable TV-Channel 10 and the Internet. Rick Gale, Cable TV Associate, will attend the Commission meeting to discuss ideas for this programming. The following provides additional information. *Danger Stoppers*, a show that provides important tips and information that will inform residents of ways to be safe, and prevent dangerous situations. From fire safety, to handling emergencies, to disaster preparedness and health issues, *Danger Stoppers* just might save a life.

The program will be made in the style of a fast-paced reality show. Dramatic reenactments will provide a vivid picture of actual health and safety threats, and information will then be provided by experts in each subject, while actively demonstrating the techniques and tips to prevent or to best deal with the situation.

Some of the experts will include Health and Safety Commissioners and City staff members. Emergency Management Director Pamela Mottice- Muller will do an introduction at the top of each show, introducing the theme or main topic for that episode. The idea of preparedness and safety will be reinforced in every episode.

**Examples of topics/episodes:**

- Earthquake Safety - Drop, Cover and Hold - what to do during a quake
- Earthquake - what to do before a quake hits
- Making a Kit - Making a Plan
- Emergency Preparedness for Businesses
- Emergency Preparedness for Kids (in an episode geared towards children)
- Pets and Preparedness
- Health issues (West Nile Virus, Flu Season/shots, vaccinations)
- Dangers of Texting (while walking, driving, cycling)

Please come ready to discuss the list of topics above, additional topics, programming ideas and possible names other than *Danger Stoppers*.



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners  
**FROM:** Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management  
**DATE:** June 23, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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The Chair and Vice Chair serve for one year from July 1 to June 30. Elections are to be held each June. The Commission will nominate, second and vote on the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

The following provides additional information:

**2-2-1604. Chair of the Commission.**

The first Chair of the Commission shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Council for a term of one year. Annually thereafter members of the Health and Safety Commission shall select its Chair who may serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.

**2-2-107: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

E. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected by the members from the membership.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR and VICE CHAIR**

There is a general practice upon the majority of the Commissions that the Vice Chair becomes the Chair, and that the Vice Chair is filled by the next senior commission member, but that practice is not fixed by law. At the January 26, 2009 meeting, Commissioners agreed to set the precedent that the Vice Chair will become Chair. For the Vice Chair, the Commission (since there is not a Commissioner with seniority) can decide to nominate and elect anyone from the members.

**PRE-MEETING DISCUSSION**

Brown Act Requirements state there can be no discussion between the members of the Commission about the nomination. The process of nominating and electing the new Chair and Vice Chair should take place at the open and public noticed meeting, where the "election" is on the agenda. Commissioners cannot

arrive at the meeting with a "majority" in favor of their candidate. They must conduct the nomination and hold discussions at the duly noticed meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission nominate a Chair and Vice Chair and elect by voting for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The first meeting of the new Chair and Vice Chair will be held on July 23, 2012. The new Chair should attend the July Mayor's Cabinet meeting. For the July meeting, staff will prepare the accomplishments and the new work plan items to be discussed. This will then lead to a City Council liaison meeting to be scheduled in August.





**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners  
**FROM:** Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management  
**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** New Commissioners Recruitment

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Health and Safety Commissioner Dr. Sandra Aronberg and David Seidel terms are both expiring on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Both are not eligible for reappointment. The City Clerk's Office has started the recruitment process for two more Commissioners.

According to the City Clerk's Office the current timeline is as follows:

Courier Ad: June 1 & June 29  
Weekly Ad: May 31 & June 28

Applications Due: July 27  
Interviews: Aug/Sept.  
First Meeting: Nov 2012

According to the City Clerk's Office, usually interviews will be held with the City Council Liaisons and the Chair & Vice Chair or their appointees.

Attached is a copy of the application. Potential candidates should contact the City Clerk's office for an application.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
APPLICATION**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

I am a resident of the City of Beverly Hills and am interested in being considered for an appointment on the Health and Safety Commission.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you resided in Beverly Hills? \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant must be a resident of the City for a minimum of two years prior to filing an application)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a paid lobbyist/legislative advocate?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to the Team Beverly Hills Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member or alumnus of the Team Beverly Hills Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied previously for a commission appointment? If so, which commission(s)?

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of any of the following Citizen Corp volunteer groups?

☐ DCS

☐ Neighborhood Watch (Block Captain)

☐ Firewise Board

☐ VIP

☐ Neighborhood Watch (Member)

☐ CERT

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Health and Safety Commission?

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2. List community activities, especially those involving issues of community risk, hazards, security, public health & welfare, or preparedness, and describe your role.

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3. What do you see as major issues in community risk and hazards, disaster awareness, security, or public health in Beverly Hills?

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4. What demonstrated skills, abilities, or training do you have that would help you serve on the Commission?

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5. Describe your strategies and ideas for increasing the community's involvement in the areas of disaster preparedness, public health, and other related topics?

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6. How would you describe your interpersonal skills/objectivity in dealing with individuals and organizations to be heard, and to directly interact with the commission? Do you have any conflict of interests?

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7. Please describe your availability to attend activities outside of the monthly meeting schedule.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications may be returned to the City Clerk's Office, Room 290, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 310.285.2400.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Director, Office of Emergency Management. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers.**



## **Serving on the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission**

In July 2007, the City Council established the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission. The Commission shall strive to maintain and improve the over-all health and safety of the community in accordance with its purposes and responsibilities.

The Health and Safety Commission is one of ten (10) City Commissions appointed by the City Council, consisting of seven members who act as an advisory body to the Beverly Hills City Council. Commissioners must be residents of the City and have a variety of backgrounds in the area of health and safety: public health, medical, security, emergency management, citizen corp member, safety, or representatives from the business and non-governmental community agencies/organizations.

An application form for appointment for the Commission may be obtained in the City Clerk's office in Room 290 of City Hall or by telephoning 310.285.2400. All applicants will be interviewed by a subcommittee of the City Council. Following these interviews, the subcommittee will recommend the names of top candidates to the full City Council. City Councilmembers may then conduct further interviews before making a final selection at a formal City Council meeting.

## **Legal Authorities and Responsibilities**

The Beverly Hills Municipal Code sets out the areas which the Health and Safety Commission has authority to act as an advisory body to the City Council. The Health and Safety Commission shall strive to maintain and improve the over-all health and safety of the community in accordance with its purposes and responsibilities.

The Commission shall have the following purposes and responsibilities:

- Promote, communicate, and broaden the community's opportunities for citizen participation on issues of public health, welfare, safety and comfort, mitigation of community safety risks and hazards, and disaster preparedness;
- Provide a forum for members of the community to bring generalized concerns regarding public health, welfare, safety and comfort;
- Aid in the development of strategies relating to disaster preparedness, disaster hazard mitigation, disaster management, and health and safety risk reduction;
- Support the work of all City Departments, the business sector, and the efforts of residents before, during and after a medical, natural or man-made disaster;

- Assist in communicating the City's health, safety, and disaster preparedness messages to the community as well as educating the community more generally regarding these issues;
- Strengthen ties with the community's disaster related stakeholders;
- Assist with City-sponsored activities and programs that promote public health, welfare, safety and comfort, mitigation of community safety risks and hazards, and disaster preparedness;
- Select the annual Citizen Corp Volunteer Award recipient.

Commissioners must provide support for projects which promote community health, preparedness, and the mitigation of community risk including, but not limited to: Citizen Corp programs, all-hazard disaster preparedness and mitigation campaigns and projects including Firewise, close-circuit television, 311, community evacuation plans, senior and public health campaigns and projects. Those chosen for the Commission shall participate in related conferences and workshops and report back to the Commission and City staff. The Commission shall not become involved with:

- Police or fire response issues;
- Issues that involve special technical expertise;
- School safety issues;
- Monitoring or overseeing any enforcement activities of any City Department, including but not limited to, enforcement of the Code enforcement of traffic laws, or enforcement of state criminal or civil laws.

### **Operations, Staffing and Time Commitment**

The Commission meeting dates and times are to be determined. There may also be additional meetings on other days at such times as may be designated for special, adjourned, subcommittee, or joint meetings. Meetings typically follow an agenda. Guidance is provided to staff regarding formal recommendations for City Council consideration. Meetings shall be held in study room A of the City Council Chambers at Beverly Hills City Hall at an undetermined time. The meetings will be conducted by the Chair, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair. From time to time, Commissioners may serve on ad-hoc committees of two, appointed by the Chair to study particular issues and make recommendations to the full Commission. The Commission will work with the staff liaison, the Director of Emergency Management. Additionally, the Commission will have regular interaction with representatives of other City staff departments. The Beverly Hills Unified School District and all City Departments are each being asked to assign a representative to the Commission.

By the Friday before each meeting, the Commissioners will receive an agenda and supplementary materials regarding projects to be reviewed at the meeting. Depending on the length and complexity of the agenda, Commissioners can expect to spend between two and four hours reviewing the materials in advance for the meeting. In general, Commissioners can expect to spend 10 to 15 hours per month on meetings and related activities.

The presence of at least five Commissioners constitutes a quorum and is required to conduct a meeting and make formal recommendations. The Commission must conduct its meetings and formulate its decisions with its own set of operating rules, and with State law (the Brown Act), which requires all meetings to be open to the public. Minutes of the meeting are taken by a staff recording secretary.

State law requires compliance with conflict of interest requirements, which involve filing a financial disclosure form with the City Clerk which is available to the public to inspect. Interested persons may contact the City Clerk's office to inspect a sample report. Commissioners may not deliberate or participate in any case in which the Commissioner has an interest. The City Attorney's Office, which also provides staff support to the Commission, can provide guidance to individual Commissioners who may have questions on a case-by-case basis. Commissioners will find that interested parties to an application (both pro and con) will attempt to engage them in conversation about a pending case; it is nevertheless important for Commissioners to maintain an impartial distance from those interested in issues coming before the Commission and must maintain this impartiality, sometimes in the context of impassioned pleas from their fellow residents, business colleagues, friends and acquaintances.



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners  
**FROM:** Pamela Mottice-Muller  
**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Disaster Summit Update Report

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The following report was included on the City Council Agenda meeting on June 19, 2012 as an informational item. City Council had no comment on this report.





## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** June 19, 2012  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Pamela Mottice Muller, Office of Emergency Management  
**Subject:** Disaster Stakeholder Summit  
**Attachments:** Summit Agenda

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Disaster Stakeholder Summit was held on April 30, 2012 from 8:30 to noon. The Summit's purpose was to bring members of stakeholder representative groups from both public and private schools, businesses, faith and community based organizations and medical providers together to provide:

- information on disaster mitigation, response and recovery and
- the tools needed to write life safety, disaster response and recovery plans.

The following provides a summary of the event and follow up items.

### **DISCUSSION**

We know that when disasters occur it takes "A Community to Respond... and a Community to Recover", therefore preparedness is a joint effort of the government, the residents and our stakeholders. Bringing these stakeholders together and developing these partnerships are vital to our City's planning efforts. It is essential to ensuring we are all ready when the time comes.

The Summit was a 2012/2013 Health and Safety Commission initiative. They assisted in the planning and outreach efforts. Over eighty five representatives from all of the City's stakeholder groups attended. Due to room being filled to capacity, approximately twenty people were turned away. During the first session a variety of speakers made presentations on disaster mitigation and response topics. During the second session, stakeholders were divided into individual groups from the City's businesses, schools, faith and community based organizations and the medical community. Subject matter experts then met individually with their related groups; teaching how to develop life safety, disaster response and business continuity plans. After the meeting approximately sixty-five stakeholders visited the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Meeting Date: June 19, 2012

Stakeholders completed a questionnaire afterwards. All stakeholders stated they would return to work and implement learned information. The majority said they would attend future trainings or meetings on related topics. Since the Summit, the Office of Emergency Management has received numerous phone calls from stakeholders with specific planning questions related to their follow up projects.

All participants received a bag filled with materials that would support their preparedness efforts. Disaster preparedness pamphlets were provided for the stakeholders to share with their employees.

### **FOLLOW UP**

This Summit is just the first of many ongoing projects to increase our partnerships with community stakeholders.

The following are additional after action items related to the Summit and building those partnerships to be completed during the Fiscal 2012-2013 year.

- send material bags to those who were unable to attend,
- send a follow up email to everyone who attended,
- outreach to the Chamber of Commerce, CBGB, and Rodeo Association to clarify roles and responsibilities during and after a disaster,
- hold an additional training,
- develop formal outreach with three of our medical surgical centers to provide emergency medical services in a catastrophic event,
- meet with local veterinarian and Amanda Foundation to discuss disaster animal care plan,
- work with faith based organizations to establish MOU's with the American Red Cross to use their facilities as a shelter,
- outreach to businesses in the community to sign a contract agreeing to accept a City Purchase Order, Credit Card or in store credit should the City need resources,
- explore signing a contract with a business that could provide debris management and logistic support to the City when a disaster occurs,
- increase meetings with the school district on preparedness, response and recovery issues and
- Encourage Stakeholders to participate in The Great California Shakeout to be held on October 18, 2012.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Summit had minimal cost to the City was already included in the Office of Emergency Management budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council continues to support the preparedness efforts of our stakeholders and encourages ongoing partnerships