



MEMORANDUM

SUPERVISOR JOHN M.W. MOORLACH
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SECOND DISTRICT

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Date: February 7, 2008

To: Maria Lopez, COB

From: Mario Mainero, Chief of Staff

Re: Supplemental PRESENTATION Addition to the Agenda for February 26, 2008

Please be advised that Chairman Moorlach will be handing out 12 proclamations to varying local agencies to commend them on their participation in the 2007 Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill.

Attachment: The Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill Resolution

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2007 Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill

By the authority of the Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill was a full-scale exercise designed at the direction of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County California Citizen Corps Council, and representatives from Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS), Fire Corps and Operational Area planning partners including but not limited to Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), American Red Cross, and the Volunteer Center of Orange County comprise the Council; and

WHEREAS, the planning team was comprised of eighteen people representing thirteen jurisdictions/organizations and the coordination required to plan, develop, organize and implement a volunteer drill was astronomical and this was previously unheard of and never done before; and

WHEREAS, the planning team designated seven objectives to be evaluated: Incident Command System, Communications, Team Organization, Personal Safety, Victim Safety and Recovery, Fire Safety and Search and Rescue/Damage Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the drill was designed to train volunteers in the Incident Command System, combine all volunteer programs into a mutual aid environment and simulate a realistic catastrophic earthquake with hands on training. In order to accomplish a realistic and challenging exercise environment, multiple scenarios were developed that tested various volunteer programs which have different roles and missions; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from twenty-six different local jurisdictions and several volunteer programs were combined into one drill. This required the support and dedication on both days to coordinate 480 volunteers, fifty-five staff members and forty observers; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill (VMAD) was extremely successful. The success of this drill was dependent upon multiple agencies working together as a seamless unit and because of your personal dedication to preparing, training and the exercising of volunteers. VMAD proved to be a successful model for how volunteer organizations will respond in support of emergency first responders in Orange County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby recognize and commend the Anaheim Police Department, City of Costa Mesa, City of Dana Point, City of Mission Viejo, City of Placentia, Costa Mesa Fire Department, Health Care Agency, Orange County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Santa Ana Fire Department, Seal Beach Police Department and the Volunteer Center for Orange County for their participation in the 2007 Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill; and for doing a successful and superb job of preparing volunteers for emergency first responder service to the citizens of Orange County.

Dated this 26th day in February, 2008