



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
RE: Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting - 10/24/24
SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

Recommended Action

For information only, no action is required.

Background

The Emergency Preparedness Committee met on October 24, 2024 and discussed the following topics:

- Presentation on the role of Kensington Amateur Radio Organization (KARO) during emergencies: (KARO/ECHO PowerPoint Presentation)
 - Annette McCoubrey of KARO presented this item:
 - KARO/ECHO Organization
 - Ham Radio Operations Capability
 - Operational Plan
 - Missing link is ability to communicate info to first responders in emergency
- Resolution Draft for November Board Meeting on Report of 2023-2024 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury: The CCC Community Warning System
 The committee reviewed and approved updates to the draft resolution for the Board to consider adoption at the November meeting.
- Reschedule November and December EPC Meetings
 The committee discussed and determined to reschedule these meetings to a single date of December 5, 2024.
- Discussion regarding incidents and communication (e.g. gas leaks, pre-evacuation advisories, protocols for weather events); what's working, where can there be improvement/education
 Chief Saylor reviewed the recent incident in Berkeley along with the communication process which would come from law enforcement and the committee discussed.
- Review Emergency Preparedness Committee Member Application
 The committee reviewed the application of Don Dommer to join the EPC as a volunteer resident, and recommended approval of this appointment by the Board at their November meeting.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact identified at this time.



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DATE: October 16, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
RE: Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting - 9/26/24
SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

Recommended Action

For information only, no action is required.

Background

The Emergency Preparedness Committee met on September 26, 2024 and discussed the following topics:

- Presentation on communications, repeaters, and mesh networking
Katie Calvert of Squishy Robotics presented this item including a YouTube video about how first responders are using Squishy Robotics sensor robots. She also brought a tensegrity robot for the committee to see in person.
- Report back on discussions related to potential parking changes
General Manager Morris-Mayorga reported back on her discussion with KPPCSD Interim General Manager Aranda regarding whether there is a formal agreement for parking on Red Flag days which a resident had brought up at the August meeting. There is no formal agreement and there will be additional discussions between the general managers.
- Review Responses to the Report of 2023-2024 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury: The CCC Community Warning System
The committee discussed and requested that a more general resolution be presented to the Board to consider adopting.
- Nixle Usage
The committee discussed this, and it was noted that a communication plan is in the process of being developed by fire which may address concerns.

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There is no fiscal impact identified at this time.