

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Stan Henry, Police Chief
Patrick Williams, Police Chief
Joe Roberts, Police Captain *(alt.)*
Dave Dominguez, Police Chief
Daniel Wilham, Police Chief (PD/RM)
Rodney Vigue, Police Chief (LQ/Coachella)
Matt Jimenez, Police Chief (IW)
Ignacio Otero, Deputy Chief
Laura Quattlebaum, Lieutenant *(alt.)*
William Brett, Acting Agent In-Charge *(alt.)*
Richard West, Chief Deputy District Attorney *(alt.)*
Alan Crogan, Chief

AGENCY

Cathedral City Police Department
Desert Hot Springs Police Depart.
Indio Police Department
Palm Springs Police Department
Riverside County Sheriff
Riverside County Sheriff
Riverside County Sheriff
Riverside County Fire Department
California Highway Patrol
U.S. Border Patrol - Indio
County District Attorney Office
County Probation Department

EX-OFFICIO AGENCY NOT PRESENT

Blake Goetz, Fire Chief
Bill Soqui, Fire Chief

AGENCY

Palm Springs Fire Department
Cathedral City Fire Department

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Shouse, Lieutenant
Brian MacGavin, Assistant Director
Denver Pittman, Police Captain
Doug Bornstein
Jorge Rodriguez, Coves Fire Marshal
Kathleen Henderson, County Emergency Services
Kevin Conner, Police Captain
London Pickering, Sergeant, Community Outreach Unit
Mel Windsor, Dir. of Personnel/Risk Management
Mike Rodgers, Emergency Services Coordinator
Rick Quinata, Chief Deputy
Sara L. Danville, Assistant District Attorney
Sherri Van Dorn, District Director

AGENCY

Riverside County Sheriff - Indio
County EMS Agency
Riverside County Sheriff - Indio
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County Fire Dept
Riverside County Fire Dept
Cathedral City Police Department
Indio Police Department
City of Indian Wells
City of Rancho Mirage
County Probation Department
County District Attorney Office
Senator Battin's Office

CVAG STAFF PRESENT

John Wohlmuth, Executive Director
Aurora Wilson, Community Resources Director
Catherine McMillan, Governmental Services Director
Valarie Franklin, Program Assistant

- 4. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS** - None.
- 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.
- 6. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENT** - None.
- 7. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

8. MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BOB SPIEGEL, CITY OF PALM DESERT, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GENE GILBERT, CITY OF INDIO, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2008 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

9. SALE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY

Staff reported that at a Western Riverside County Council of Governments meeting, there was concern expressed that several cities in the Coachella Valley continue to allow the sale of safe and sane fireworks. In September 2006, the County adopted an Ordinance prohibiting the sale of fireworks within its unincorporated areas. CVAG Executive Director requested this item be placed on the Public Safety Committee agenda for discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BOB SPIEGEL, CITY OF PALM DESERT, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PATRICK MULLANY, CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) PREPARE A LETTER BACK TO THE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS INDICATING THAT CVAG WILL LOOK AT AN EDUCATION PROCESS FOR THOSE CITIES THAT SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS AND INDICATE TO THEM AT THIS POINT THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE CITIES WOULD CHANGE THEIR ORDINANCE; AND, 2) DEVELOP A MAP, TO PLACE ON THE STANDS, THAT INDICATES WHERE SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL AND WHERE THEY ARE NOT. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE GREAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHAKE-OUT DRILL - NOVEMBER 13th

Staff reported that the Great Southern California ShakeOut is a week of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history. The earthquake drill will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 13th.

Kathleen Henderson from County Emergency Services reported that they are asking all city governments, all school districts, all businesses, and private person residence, to participate in the drill at 10:00 a.m. by doing something, even if it just to drop, cover, and hold. Ms. Henderson went on to present the plans for Riverside County during the week of events.

Staff went on to encourage the Committee to get their residences involved and sign up on line at www.ShakeOut.org.

Mike Rogders, Emergency Services Coordinator, City of Rancho Mirage, reported what Rancho Mirage has planned in the event of a major earthquake or other disaster.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER TOM KIRK, CITY OF LA QUINTA, AND SECONDED BY SHERIFF STAN SNIFF, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, TO DIRECT STAFF TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL CITY ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO GET THE WORD OUT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHAKE-OUT DRILL ON NOVEMBER 13, 2008, AND TO REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

11. TOUR BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND LA QUINTA'S EOC

Aurora Wilson reported that CVAG staff recently toured the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Indio and La Quinta's Emergency Operations Center. Given the upcoming November 13th drill, Committee members were asked to consider a tour of these or other centers as part of the October PSC Meeting. The Committee agreed to hold the next month's PSC meeting at the County's EOC in Indio followed by a tour of the facility as well as a tour of the La Quinta EOC.

12. AMENDMENT TO OHV AGREEMENT

The agreement which uses Colmac grant funds for the cooperative effort between cities and member organizations relative to off-highway vehicle enforcement has expired (March, 2008). The agreement needs to be amended to allow for the remaining balance of Colmac grant funds to be used and for any future Colmac grants that are approved for this effort. There also needs to be wording should one of the partners in the Agreement decide to terminate their participation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GENE GILBERT, CITY OF INDIO, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CHUCK VASQUEZ, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE AMENDMENT ONE FOR THE AGREEMENT FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

13. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

13.1 SHERIFF/POLICE CHIEFS - Sheriff Sniff and Police Chief Dan Wilham provided an update on the officer that was recently shot in the face and thanked the other Police Chiefs for their help in apprehending the suspect.

13.2 FIRE CHIEFS - Chief Otero announced on a concert in the Palm Desert park in remembrance of 9/11, and the 7th Annual Blue Mass event being held on September 24, 2008, 6:00 p.m. in Beaumont.

13.3 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL - None

13.4 BORDER PATROL - None

13.5 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICE - Chief Deputy D.A. Richard West introduced Assistant D.A. Sara Danville who will be taking Bill Mitchell's place on the PSC.

13.6 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT - None

14. INFORMATIONAL

14.1 COACHELLA VALLEY GANG TASK FORCE - A written summary of the June and

July 2008 activities of the Violent Crime Gang Task Force, provided by Commander Jeremy Dunn, was included in the agenda package.

14.2 COMMITTEE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 08/09

Goal #1	Burglary Task Force East/West Valley and Property Crime Prevention Education Programs to Decrease Auto Theft and Reduce Property Crimes and Crime Free Multi-Housing Task Force Unit.
Goal #2	Traffic Safety through valley-wide Enforcement Strategies as it relates to Speed Enforcement Programs; Collision Reduction and Enforcement of Hazardous Driving; Teenage Drivers; and Seatbelt Enforcement.
Goal #3	Gang Intervention Programs and Task Force Support from all Cities and Help Obtain Funding Grants.
Goal #4	Disaster Preparedness Program that includes Coachella Valley Safety Personnel Participation in the State OES Golden Guardian Earthquake Exercise in November 2008 with progress reports; Locate and Develop Disaster Equipment Caches; Identify out of Area Contact Points for Public Safety Personnel; Prioritize Primary and Secondary Roads; Unified Command Training for Public Safety Personnel (ICS 3000 & 400 level).
Goal #5	Communications Upgrade and Support 800 Radio System Interoperability for both ERICA and RSO, and Provide Mobile Data Computer Interoperability; by tracking fire resources, sharing data (streets, fire hydrant data, preplans and aerial images).

15. NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE - The Public Safety Committee decided to move the regularly scheduled October 13th meeting (due to the Columbus Day Holiday), to the following Monday, October 20th, 2008 to be held at the County's Emergency Operations Center in Indio at 9:30 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS