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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Oakland Fire Department
DATE: January 27, 2004

**RE: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF THE OAKLAND FIRE
DEPARTMENT ON THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

SUMMARY

This report is a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Office of Emergency Services as reported to the City of Oakland's Emergency Management Board for the period of July through December 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts directly associated with this report.

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Committee requested a semi-annual report on emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery activities reported to the City's Emergency Management Board.

The Fire Department Office of Emergency Services (OES) is responsible for emergency preparedness, planning, education, and training to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated response by the City and other agencies to the Oakland Community. These activities are reported to the Emergency Management Board.

For the period of July 2003 through December 2003, OES activities have included:

- Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) Program
- Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)
- Corridor of Safety Alerting & Warning System (530 AM radio-Sirens)
- Homeland Security Grants and Initiatives
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Quarterly Emergency Management Board (EMB) meetings
- Miscellaneous Activities and Upcoming Events

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Two (2) quarterly meetings of Oakland’s Emergency Management Board (EMB) were held during this six month period. Updates on CORE, CUPA, Alert and Warning System, Homeland Security, and Emergency Operation Center activities were provided and have been incorporated in this report.

Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE)

During the period of July 2003 through December 2003, the Oakland Fire Department trained 428 Oakland residents through the CORE Program. The breakdown of training by quarter, district and CORE Program level is as follows:

CORE July – September 2003
 Number Trained by Council District

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD7	TOTAL
CORE 1	38	2	34	13	4	1	38	130
CORE 2	0	0	0	11	6	0	33	50
TOTAL	38	2	34	24	10	1	71	180

CORE October – December 2003
 Number Trained by Council District

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD7	TOTAL
CORE 1	21	13	26	54	2	4	56	176
CORE 2	1	1	0	20	3	0	20	45
CORE 3	6	1	1	12	5	1	1	27
TOTAL	28	15	27	86	10	5	77	248

- From July through September, five to seven CORE training classes were taught each month. In October, there were fifteen CORE training classes taught, seven in November, and two in December.
- In October, a hands-on workshop was organized for the CORE 3 students to give them the opportunity to use the skills they had learned in their training.
- In the CORE 1 manual section on preparing for a variety of disasters, acts of terrorism have been included.
- The CORE 1 and CORE 2 manuals were translated into Spanish and were successfully used for the first time in December.
- The CORE 1 and CORE 2 manuals are currently being translated into Chinese with a completion date in January 2004.
- A grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$7,510.09 was appropriated in December. The funds will be used to reimburse the City for costs incurred in updating and reprinting the CORE manuals and other CORE support activities.
- The Fall 2003 issue of the CORE program newsletter, Esprit de CORE, was published and distributed to approximately 600 households.

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- CORE personnel have begun communication with the East Bay Conservation Corp (EBCC). EBCC has applied for a homeland security grant that would provide AmeriCorp members to assist in community training through the CORE program.

Certified Unified Program Agency

The following chart shows the totals for the activity of the CUPA program for the July – December 2003 period:

INSPECTION TYPE	July 03 – Dec 03 Totals
Hazardous Waste Generators	151
Hazardous Material Business Plan	182
Underground Storage Tank (UST)	67
Storm Water/Clean Water	219
Complaint	5
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	624
Priority 1 – High Hazard	80
UST Removal	14

Alerting & Warning System (530 AM radio-Sirens)

“The Corridor of Safety” concept was created to develop a siren alert system in the high hazardous material or high fire hazard areas in the East Bay. In the city of Oakland, sound surveys were completed and twenty-seven (27) locations were identified for the installation of sirens. The project was divided into three phases. Twenty-six (26) poles and sirens have been installed and twenty-one (21) are operational. The remaining sirens will be operational once the required inspections have been completed and PG&E provides power to the sites. The location and operational status of the sirens are:

PHASE I		
	Location	X = Operational
1	Fire Station 29, 66th Ave	X
2	10th/MLK Jr Way	X
3	Goss/Pine	Pole and conduit damaged by fire. In process of being replaced.
4	Peralta St/32nd Ave	X
5	Snowdown/Malcolm	X
6	Fire Station 28, Grass Valley Rd	X
7	Fire Station 25, Butters Dr	X
8	Shepherd Canyon Rd/Fire Station 24	X
9	Hiller/Tunnel	X

PHASE II		
	Location	X = Operational
10	Elmhurst Plaza, 97th Ave/B St	X
11	E. 12th St/44th Ave	X
12	Garfield School, E. 17th St/23rd Ave	X
13	Clinton Square, E. 12th St/6th Ave	X
14	Fire Station 12, Alice St	X
15	Field St/Circle Hill Dr/I-580	X
16	Mountain Blvd/Leona	X
17	Aliso Ave/39th Ave	PG&E scheduled to power up in January.
18	Mountain Blvd/Colton	X

PHASE III		
	Location	X = Operational
19	Malcolm Ave/Mark St	Homeowner Association disputes location.
20	Keller Ave/Skyline	City/PG&E inspection required.
21	Merritt College/Campus Dr	X
22	Fire Station 21, Skyline Blvd	X
23	Skyline Blvd/Crestmont Dr	X
24	Carisbrook Reservoir/Darnby Dr	City/PG&E inspection required.
25	Fire Station 6, Colton Blvd	X
26	Amito Reservoir/Besito	PG&E scheduled to power up in January
27	Grizzly Peak/Marlborough Terrace	X
TOTAL SIRENS OPERATIONAL		21

- The projected completion date for 26 sirens is estimated to be February 2004.
- Siren Protocol Committee comprised of regional representatives met twice to share information and develop standards. The next meeting is scheduled in January 2004.

Homeland Security Events, Grants, and Initiatives

EVENTS:

Most activities related to emergency services now contain elements that have been integrated with homeland security issues. Because of the focus, these activities will be listed under the Homeland Security heading.

The Office of Emergency Services has conducted or participated in a variety of events, workshops, training sessions and exercises to prepare for, prevent and mitigate emergency situations. These events generally require weeks and months to schedule, organize, and coordinate. A sample of the activities follows:

- Shelter, Shut, Listen school exercise conducted jointly with San Leandro, Alameda, and Oakland using a HazMat/Terrorist scenario

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- Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise at San Leandro
- Annual disaster exercise conducted by Alameda County OES
- Medical disaster exercise conducted by the State of California
- Tabletop exercise with a terrorism scenario conducted by OES for the City's Press Information Officers (PIO)
- San Francisco Urban Area Work Group Training Sessions
- Bay Area Terrorism Working Group (BATWinG) workshops and meetings
- Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Radiological Exercise
- Red Cross Alameda County Chapter Board Meeting
- Alameda County Operational Area Terrorism Working Group
- International Association of Emergency Managers Conference
- California Emergency Services Association Conference
- State of California OES Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee

GRANTS AND INITIATIVES:

- The Homeland Security Assessment was completed and submitted to US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) in September. The receipt of funds through the DHS is contingent upon the completion of required assessments.
- In October 2003, President Bush provided funding to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Domestic Preparedness to be used for emergency prevention, preparedness, and response in FY 03-04. The Urban Area Security Initiative is the Homeland Security grant that will provide an estimated \$7.9 million to the Oakland/Alameda County Urban Area. The funds may be used for planning, training, and equipment purchases that would enhance regional interoperability, emergency preparedness and response. An Urban Area Working Group is being formed to develop the programs that will be funded by the grant.
- The Transportation Security Agency (TSA) is working with OES to provide 3D imagery of the Port, Airport and surrounding areas using Oakland's GIS system for the purpose of monitoring homeland security. An exercise is planned for Spring 2004.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

ACTIVATIONS: Two partial activations, one for the 4th of July activity and another because of a 6 alarm apartment building fire.

TOURS:

- A delegation of 14 CEO's from private industry in France toured the Emergency Operation Center. The Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) philosophy and configuration was explained.
- Oakland's Emergency Operation Center was used in a photo shoot as a backdrop for a private company
- A contingency of building managers from Oakland businesses toured the facility prior to their training

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MISCELLANEOUS TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES:

- An Emergency Operation Plan was developed during training for the Oakland Main Library
- SEMS training was provided to an association of Oakland business building managers
- ARES/RACES ham radio operators continue to meet monthly at the Office of Emergency Services Media Room
- The Alameda County Office of Emergency Services personnel used Oakland's Emergency Operation Center to conduct Regional Information Management System training
- OES is working with KTOP to install a satellite dish on the EOC roof to provide a live feed of activity to City offices via closed circuit TV

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: This is an informational report. There are no direct economic opportunities associated with this document.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities associated with this informational report.

Social Equity: In an effort to comply with federal ADA requirements and local ordinances promoting equal access to City services, OES makes a concerted effort to provide written materials in Spanish, Chinese, Braille, and audiotape.

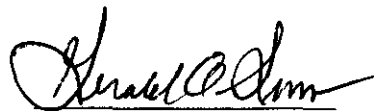
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The chairperson of the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities is a member of the Emergency Management Board. EMB meetings are held in facilities that meet ADA requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approves and accepts this report.

Respectfully submitted,



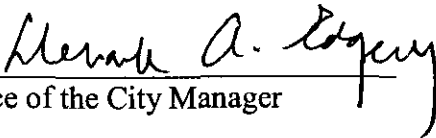
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