

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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**TO:** Office of the City Administrator  
**ATTN:** Deborah Edgerly  
**FROM:** Oakland Fire Department  
**DATE:** July 8, 2008

**RE: Semi-annual report on Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council proceedings for the period of July to December 2007**

### SUMMARY

This report is a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services as reported to the City of Oakland's Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council for the period of July through December 2007.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Fiscal information is provided below regarding costs for running the OES planning and EOC response functions, the CORE program, OES community emergency preparedness programs and Homeland Security funded all hazards projects for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery:

<b>Activity/Program</b>	<b>Dollars/Value</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
OES Function	\$600,000 Staffing – 4 FTEs plus regular operating costs	General Fund
OES Functions	\$75,000 Management in kind hours	In-kind
OES Functions	Outside agencies 200 hours average at \$75 per hour = \$15,000.00	In-kind
CORE Program	\$257,000 Staffing – 3 FTEs plus regular operating costs	CORE General Fund
CORE Program	\$100,000	CORE one time grant AmeriCorps Vista staff SUASI funds
CORE Volunteers	1000 hours per year average at \$25 per hour = \$25,000.00	In-kind

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Activity/Program	Dollars/Value	Funding Source
911 Registry	\$50,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARD<sup>1</sup> Training</li> <li>• Redesign 9-1-1 Registry</li> <li>• Outreach &amp; Marketing</li> <li>• 5,000 Whistles and Flashlights</li> </ul>	One time General Fund
	50 Emergency Preparedness Kits @ \$55 ea. = \$2750	Kits funded by Sponsor

<sup>1</sup>Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters

Activity/Program	Dollars/Value	Funding Source
OES Homeland Security	Total \$501, 0000 in 2007 Staffing 4 FTEs	Homeland Security Grant Funds (2006 SUASI Grant Funds)
Dedicated EOC Enhancements/ Upgrades	\$14,770.00	2006 UASI Grant Funds
Alternate EOC/OPD Eastmont; equipment and supplies	\$185,454.00	2005-06 UASI Grant Funds
OPD – CBRNE vehicle	\$83,768.00	2005 UASI Grant Funds
OFD – Regional Mobile Communication Vehicle	\$385,000.00*	2006 SUASI Grant Funds *allocated amounts; actual costs maybe higher

## **BACKGROUND**

Since June 1995, the Public Safety Committee has requested and received semi-annual reports regarding the emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities as reported to the City's Emergency Management Board's (EMB) by the Office of Emergency Services (OES), a division of the Oakland Fire Department. Status reports of OES activities have been reported quarterly to the EMB which by ordinance is the City's Disaster Council, as well as its Citizens Corps Council.

The repeal on December 4, 2007 of Ordinances Nos. 11467 CMS and 11865 CMS, which originally established the EMB, was replaced by Ordinance No. 12841 CMS which established a specialized technical Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council (EMADPC). The restructured City of Oakland's EMB became EMADPC. The EMADPC allows the City to

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expand membership to include additional community members, representatives from business and industry, non-government organizations, civic organizations, military agencies, other jurisdictions, non-profits and the general public.

Since September 11, 2001 the nature of emergency management has changed significantly. As a result of September 11<sup>th</sup>, there is a need for greater flexibility to appoint participating members, as required, who are qualified to address specific and technical emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation issues as they arise. The purposes and objectives of the EMADPC remain the same as they were for the EMB.

From the period of July to December 2007, OES conducted or participated in activities in the following areas:

- Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program
- Oakland Radio Communications Association (ORCA), amateur radio, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities
- Disaster Preparedness for Businesses
- Exercises – SEMS/NIMS (Standardized Emergency Management System/ National Incident Management System)
- Federal and State Grants
- Homeland Security: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants for Fiscal Year 2006
- Homeland Security programs and working groups
- Regional Partnerships
- Training and Professional Development
- Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council Meetings

### **REPORT OF ACTIVITIES (July - December, 2007)**

Quarterly meetings of Oakland's Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council were held on September 20, and December 20, 2007. The following topics were discussed and reviewed:

#### **CORE Highlights**

- The newly published Pet Preparedness packet is available for distribution and can be downloaded from the CORE website. The document has valuable information gleaned from the Hurricane Katrina event. It includes sheltering for pets and emergency response.
- The CORE Task Force completed its annual retreat on July 9, 2007 in which CORE marketing and a media campaign were discussed. In 2007, CORE invested in various PSA, print media and other outreach mechanisms and established partnerships with sponsors, KTVU and KICU. The Task Force also looked at the FY2007 priorities.

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- A National Preparedness Month Fair was held in the City of Oakland's Civic Center on September 12, 2007.
- Fall CORE Graduation Reception was held on November 28, 2007, at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza. There were over 120 graduates.
- Currently refining curriculum for the Neighborhood Emergency Communications (NEC) workshops, revising CORE III Two-Way Radio Hands-On Training and developing a NEC Mentoring Program for Two-Way Radio Trainers to work with CORE Groups in their neighborhoods. The NEC Planning Team is also working with RACES to establish an improved system of communications between CORE neighborhood groups and the EOC.
- Conducted "Managing Stress During Emergencies" Workshop for CORE graduates co-facilitated by OFD's Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Conducted Critical Incident Stress Management workshop for Cantonese speakers on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the OES facility.
- "Shelter Operations Exercise" at Lincoln Recreation Center on October 12-13, a first time initiative involving the Red Cross, CORE, Oakland Parks and Recreation, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and elected officials.
- Completed CORE Orientation for OPD Patrol line ups. Provided an orientation for all four OPD shifts regarding the CORE program and CORE program members' capabilities.
- Involved instructors in Train-the-Trainer on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Participated in the quarterly Bay Area CERT meeting.
- Participated in monthly SUASI Citizen Preparedness workgroup meetings.
- CORE Coordinator appointed to the SUASI Citizen Preparedness Steering Committee.
- The recent AT&T Oakland phone books now include a pull out page with emergency preparedness information. This was accomplished by establishing a partnership with AT&T. The page included 911 registry information, CORE, Alerting and Warning and Fire Prevention information.

### **CORE (Spanish Version) Razón Program Summary**

Over the past six months, the CORE Razón program has worked hard to establish acknowledgment and acceptance by the Spanish speaking community. To accomplish this CORE Razón initiated and is continuing with discussions of partnership with a number of Spanish Speaking organizations such as the Unity Council's San Antonio Fruitvale Senior Center, La Clínica, Stonehurst School and Street Level Health Project in the Fruitvale district. CORE Razón began teaching CORE Module I and II classes, (in Spanish), CORE Instructor Train-the-Trainer classes, attended a senior health fair and farmers' markets in the Fruitvale village, as well as developed the backbone infrastructure of this seedling program.

CORE Razón's mission statement is "to empower the Spanish speaking residents of Oakland to take responsibility for the safety of themselves and their communities." CORE Razón's implicit message is that there are many ways each person can be of use in an emergency if one can respond by approaching stressful situations with a sense of calm instead of reacting out of panic and fear. Special considerations are taken into account when addressing the Spanish speaking residents, including a low literacy rate, a lack of classroom training exposure, only short time

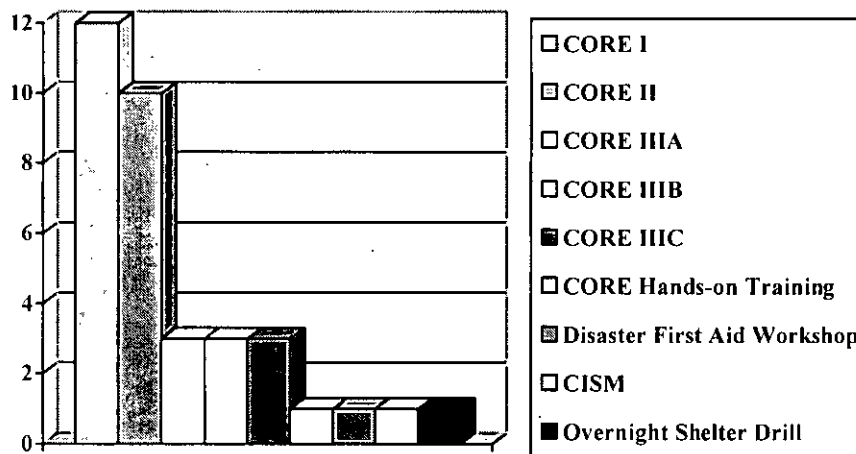
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frames available to attend trainings, the presence of children during training sessions, and other unrelated activities occupying the same training space. To accommodate these special considerations, CORE Razón developed an innovative means to provide CORE training. CORE Razón reconfigured the CORE modules into ten-fifteen minute lessons which are complete short lessons and connect to one another in such a way as to enable the instructor to use whatever amount of time is available over the course of time allotted and eventually all modules of CORE are covered.

**CORE (Chinese Version) Program Summary (June – December 2007)**

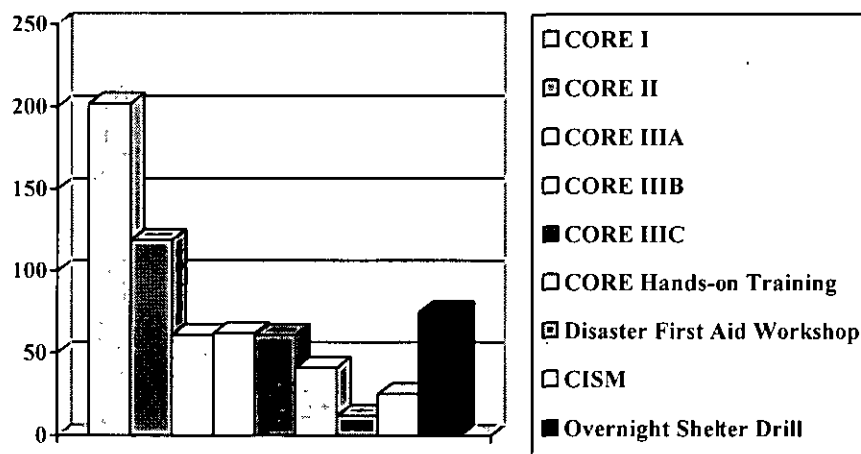
<i>Total Numbers of Trainings Conducted</i>	<i>35</i>
CORE I	12
CORE II	10
CORE IIIA	3
CORE IIIB	3
CORE IIIC	3
CORE Hands-on Training	1
Disaster First Aid Workshop	1
Critical Incident Stress Management	1
Overnight Shelter Drill	1

Total Numbers of Trainings Conducted (35)



<i>Total Numbers of People Trained</i>	<i>675</i>
CORE I	207
CORE II	131
CORE IIIA	61
CORE IIIB	62
CORE IIIC	61
CORE Hands-on Training	41
Disaster First Aid Workshop	12
Critical Incident Stress Management	25
Overnight Shelter Drill	75

Total Numbers of People Trained (675)



CORE Training Classes, by Council District  
July - September 2007

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD 7	Other/ Unknown
CORE Outreach Events								40
CORE Overview*								155
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195</b>

CORE I	61	11	38	60	3	13	122	34
CORE II	28	4	21	45	1	9	37	10
CORE III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH CORE</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>44</b>

Disaster First Aid	7	10	6	9	0	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL WORKSHOPS:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

CORE I Chinese	0	78	23	7	5	1	1	16
CORE II Chinese	0	43	7	4	2	0	0	8
CORE III Chinese	0	23	5	3	3	0	0	7
<b>TOTAL CHINESE CORE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>272</b>

\* These are estimates. We usually don't know in what Council District's the attendees live.

Total English CORE I: 342  
 Total English CORE II: 155  
 Total English CORE III: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total English CORE: 497

Total CORE Outreach: 40  
 Total CORE Overview: 155  
 Total Outreach/Overview: 195

Total Chinese CORE I: 131  
 Total Chinese CORE II: 64  
 Total Chinese CORE III: 41  
 Total Chinese CORE: 236

Total Disaster First Aid 34  
 Total Workshop: 34

**Total CORE Attendance: 962**

**CORE Training Classes, by Council District  
October - December 2007**

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD 7	Other/ Unknown
English Outreach Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
English Overview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
CORE-Razon Overview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>

English CORE I	95	69	28	81	62	17	4	24
English CORE II	39	16	3	8	29	2	2	9
English CORE III	22	3	7	7	5	0	2	1
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH CORE</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>

Chinese CISM	0	9	8	3	2	0	0	3
CORE Refresher	3	0	2	2	1	3	0	2
Managing Stress	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	1
Train the Trainer	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

CORE I Chinese	0	10	5	2	5	0	0	4
CORE II Chinese	0	7	3	2	4	0	0	2
CORE III Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CHINESE CORE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>207</b>
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Total English CORE I: 380  
 Total English CORE II: 108  
 Total English CORE III: 47  
**Total English CORE: 535**

Total English CORE Overview: 69  
 Total CORE Razon Overview: 87  
**Total Outreach/Overview: 161**

Total Chinese CORE I: 26  
 Total Chinese CORE II: 18  
 Total Chinese CORE III: 0  
**Total Chinese CORE: 44**

Total Chinese CISM: 25  
 Total CORE Refresher: 13  
 Total Managing Stress: 11  
 Total Train the Trainer: 8  
**Total Workshop: 57**  
**Total CORE Attendance: 797**



**CORE Training Classes, by Council District  
Summary July - December 2007**

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD 7	OTHER/ UNKNOWN
Total Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	356
Total English CORE	245	103	97	201	100	41	167	78
Total Workshops	15	21	17	20	3	6	1	8
Total Chinese CORE	0	161	43	18	19	1	1	37
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>479</b>

**TOTAL CORE ATTENDANCE JULY – DECEMBER 2007: 1759**

**TOTAL CORE ATTENDANCE JANUARY – JUNE 2007: 1305**

**TOTAL CORE ATTENDANCE FOR 2007: 3064**

**Oakland Radio Communications Association (ORCA) Amateur Radio (ARES/RACES)**

- ORCA met on July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2007. Average attendance of volunteer amateur radio operators was 35 – 40 members.
- American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field days were held on the weekend of June 22, 23, 24, 2007.
- RACES was activated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fire patrol; they were activated again a few days later with very little notice to assist the Fire Department with Fire Patrol because of a red flag day caused by severe heat. They did an exceptional job.
- ORCA held an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) SET – Simulated Exercise Test (nationally competitive) on November 1, 2007. RACES (Radio Association Communications Emergency System) was officially activated for the exercise.
- Activated for the SET (Simulated Exercise Training), RACES members tested their own equipment on November 1<sup>st</sup>, by responding to the call out from Resource Net. Resource Net deployed radio operators to the various Fire Stations to set up and test the amateur radio equipment installed as part of the City of Oakland's Emergency Communications Ham Operators (ECHO) system. Their messaging included a request for full inventory of all equipment at the fire stations. RACES activated 11 Oakland fire stations, and one in Piedmont; approximately 45 members responded and worked the exercise. 35 participated in the After Action debrief conducted at OES.
- ORCA members continue to test their personal hand held and base stations weekly on Thursday night. This is also a way of testing their equipment and their technical knowledge.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- Security cameras and security lighting have been installed at the front entry of the facility.

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- The City Administrator's EOC room was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and received equipment upgrades.
- The Message Center moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, closer to the Emergency Public Information Team.
- The EOC Situation Room was used for E Team training held the week of August 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-nine (29) city employees participated in the training representing staff from the following agencies: Police, Fire, OES, Public Works, Finance, Human Services, and Parks and Recreation.
- The EOC Situation Room is used by Fire Training Division and Fire EMS for training staff.
- Many meetings are held in the EOC & EOC Media Room:
  - SUASI Regional Working group meetings are held monthly.
  - BAEPIN (Bay Area Emergency Public Information Network) meets quarterly with the ten (10) Bay Area counties and core cities.
  - Oakland's EPIT (Emergency Public Information Team) meets monthly.
  - The CORE program uses it for Task Force Advisory meetings, planning meetings and CORE trainings.
  - RECP (Regional Emergency Coordination Plan Committee) regularly conducts planning meetings, tabletop exercises, and has scheduled the use for a simulation room for a functional exercise in August 2008.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> CST (Civil Support Team - National Guard) uses the facility for monthly BAYEX exercise planning meetings. The full scale exercise was held in April 2008.

### **Tours of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- A visitor from China representing the Red Crescent (equivalent to American Red Cross organization) toured the EOC on July 27, 2007.
- American Presidents Line (APL) representatives visited the EOC on July 30, 2007.
- A visitor who is head of Security for the Netherland's Parliament toured the EOC on October 15, 2007.
- A visitor from Italy toured the EOC the first week in November 2007.
- Two representatives from the United Kingdom Consulates' office located in San Francisco toured the EOC in November. The Consulate is preparing an Emergency Operations Plan to be used during disaster for coordination with jurisdictions in the Bay Area.
- Mills College staff and an architect toured the EOC for ideas; they plan on establishing an EOC on campus.

### **Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities**

- On October 3, 2007, community partners, CARD and Joanna Fraguli of the San Francisco's Mayor's Office on Disability discussed how in-home healthcare providers can assist consumers with preparedness planning.

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- A workshop for the City staff and outside agencies on Special Needs Population Emergency Response Planning was held at the Garden Center on October 4, 2007.
- Two workshops targeting Chinese residents, City of Oakland employees and special needs populations were conducted in October 2007 at City Hall.
- October 23 & 24, 2007, Leslie Little, trainer from HelpU Fire & Life Safety, worked with individuals with disabilities to personalize preparedness plans based on their abilities and vulnerability; they learned the value of power of attorney, securing insurance for durable equipment and plan considerations for service animals.
- A CORE media campaign was aired on prime time TV. On September 17, 2007 a media campaign that focused on seniors and the special needs population aired at the Oakland A's game and 17,000 whistles, flashlights and wallet cards were distributed during the game. The event was the Oakland A's Emergency Preparedness Day.
- Oakland OES and the Commission on Aging revised the 911 registry materials which are now available on the CORE website.

### **Animal Care and Shelter**

- Animal Control Services has submitted their draft animal evacuation, rescue, care and shelter plan for review. The next step is to meet with Office of Parks and Recreation, OES and OPD Animal Services to review the plan and complete a review of the City's Evacuation Plan and the Care and Shelter Plan.
- The Animal Care and Shelter Annex's first draft is complete; OPD and Animal Shelter staff will continue to work with OES and OPR to finalize the plan.

### **Disaster Preparedness for Businesses**

The focus of the small business training is to encourage businesses:

- to participate by testing a business emergency response plan and identify gaps.
- to provide company employees with a sense of security and comfort.
- to explore how businesses working together with the local OFD, OES can help ensure the continuity of a business, the community and work.
- Emergency preparedness workshops are conducted for small businesses to prepare them for all types of emergencies.
  - A workshop was held for the Montclair Village Association in August 2007.
  - In September 2007, OES staff participated in the National Preparedness Month small businesses event and Small Business Emergency Preparedness Walk-throughs.
  - A discussion was held to develop business preparedness guidance which included monthly checks of radios, changing batteries for flashlights, and checking expiration of food supplies.
- OES hosted a fire extinguisher exercise for employees of KTVU.
  - December 5, 2008, OES staff conducted Floor Warden roles and responsibilities training for KTVU's Emergency Response Teams.

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- OES staff conducted a workshop in April at the Oakland Chamber Commerce and plan to do another workshop in September 2008 for the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; in addition OES started including a brief article in the Chamber's Monthly Business Review on "Safety Tips" for businesses.
- OES staff met with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to assist them with development of their business preparedness training.
- The Internal Revenue Service, whose offices are in the Federal Building in Oakland, are also working with OES staff to develop and/or update their business continuity plan.

### **Training/Exercises/SEMS & NIMS**

- OES Staff participated in an all day Team Building training on November 9, 2007.
- EOC Finance Section training was conducted for City staff and outside agencies on November 28, 2007.
- Oakland OES staff participated in a functional exercise conducted at APL (American Presidents Line) and Port of Oakland on November 3, 2007.
- Oakland OES staff participated in a Tabletop exercise held at the Coliseum in August 2007; based on an earthquake scenario, each of the professional athletic organization's staff, Coliseum and Stadium staff participated.
- Oakland OES staff participated in the Alameda Countywide exercise held on November 11, 2007. It was based on a Hayward fault earthquake scenario. Staff partially activated the EOC, entered scenario information into the States RIMS (Resource Information Management System) and submitted information to County OES. All response actions were simulated.
- Regional communication and collaboration with emergency response agencies has been ongoing from July – December 2007.
- The Oakland Office of Emergency Services submitted its 2007 NIMSCAST report. This is a federal mandated report. Oakland's report was submitted to Alameda County's Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services Homeland Security to be included in the overall report. This report specifies countywide NIMS compliance for all jurisdictions residing within the boundaries of Alameda County.
- OES and other City agencies continue to update the City's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) to integrate NIMS into the all hazards annexes which includes Managing Emergency Operations (includes Communications, Alert & Warning) , Fire and Rescue Operations, Law Enforcement, Medical Operations, Care and Shelter Operations, Evacuation Operations, Rescue Operations, Construction and Engineering, Resources and Support Organizations, Volunteer Management Plan, Training/Exercises & After Action Corrective Actions, Animal Care & Shelter, Private Sector Integration, Radiological Protection, and Recovery Operations.
- The Evacuation/Shelter-in-Place Annex draft has been completed.
- Care and Shelter Annex is partially complete; Care and Shelter checklists are being updated to include persons with disabilities populations. Shelter sites have been surveyed and the development of an MOU between OUSD, the City of Oakland and the Red Cross sheltering concern is underway.

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- The Volunteer Management Plan Annex has been completed. The Annex was tested by City representatives from OPR, OPRM, OFD, OPD, CEDA, Museum, and Representatives from City of Albany and City of Alameda Fire Department attending an orientation to the Plan and during a “hands on” Functional Exercise, held on September 28, 2007, on how to set up and manage an Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC).
- OES staff members continue to attend SUASI working group meetings; other members of the City’s agencies, (OPD, OFD & PWA) have participated as well.
- OES staff participated in the annual CESA (California Emergency Services Association) annual conference held the week of September 17 – 21, 2007.
- OES staff participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Preparedness Conference in Sacramento, October 11 – 13, 2007.

### FY 2006 Homeland Security Grants

Project #	Budget	Description
A*	\$499,000	<b>Regional Collaboration:</b> funding is provided for the purchase of a mobile emergency communications support vehicle, which can be used during calls for mutual aid regionally. (Project A: \$385,000). An additional \$114,000 is provided to complete the equipping of Oakland’s Alternate EOC at OPD Eastmont location.
H*	\$150,000 \$75,000 OPD & \$75,000 OFD	<b>Develop Regional Information Exchange Network:</b> This provides for the continued funding of Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG) staffing. This funding has been reduced, thus only one TEWG from OPD and (1) TEWG from OFD, partial funding are assigned. The remaining costs to staff these positions must come from each department.
L*	\$731,581	The funding assigned to this project provides for the salaries of Oakland OES Homeland Security staff at \$501,000 and a contribution to the SUASI regional management team at \$230,581.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,380,581</b>	For the FY 2006 grant, the Department of Homeland Security announced that the separate Super Urban Area Security Initiative (SUASI) entities that include the cities of Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose, would be consolidated into one super urban area for purposes of the UASI funding provide by the federal government to high threat/high risk areas. The funding available to the City of Oakland is (\$1,380,581). The grant performance period runs from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. The grant was originally due to expire December 31, 2007, however a grant extension was requested and approved, taking the grant through March, 2008.

\*The State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) financial workbook identifies projects by letters and the Project identifiers listed above are generated by OHS.

### **Homeland Security**

- The City of Oakland has complied with the initial mandates of Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 as part of the City's SEMS/NIMS integration. Following the adoption of Resolution No. 80021 CMS which adopted the integration of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into the City's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), City Agencies submit certificates of IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800 training completed by newly hired staff or staff that have been promoted to managerial positions on a monthly basis.
- Oakland OES staff underwent an audit by the State's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for the 2004 grant and closed out the 2005 grant on December 31, 2007.

### **Federal/State/Local/Regional partnerships**

- OES staff continue to participate as members of:
  - State OES Coastal Region's Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee (MARAC)
  - Alameda County's Emergency Managers Association (EMA)
  - Alameda County's Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG)
  - Alameda County's Volunteer Management Task Force
  - Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) working group
  - SUASI Working Groups
  - Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Hazards Advisory Committee
  - VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) for Northern California
  - San Francisco Bay Area Regional Emergency Coordination Planning (RECP) working group
  - FEMA's National Advisory Committee
  - California Emergency Managers Association (CESA)
  - Statewide Emergency Preparedness Committee (SWEPC)
  - Bay Area Red Cross
  - International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
  - Super Urban Area Security Initiative Approval Authority (SUASI)
  - Northern Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC)

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

#### ***Economic:***

Citizens and businesses in the city of Oakland benefit substantially from the successful acquisition and distribution of Federal grant dollars through the Office of Emergency Services. Grant program focus areas include translation of CORE materials in Spanish and Cantonese for limited English speaking populations, medical response system enhancements, updating emergency plans and providing staff salaries in the Homeland Security Unit. Additionally, Federal grant dollars have allowed for increased first responder readiness by purchasing equipment for OFD, OPD, Port and Airport security enhancements, pharmaceutical cache

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supplies in the event of pandemic flu and upgrading HazMat equipment. The combination of the program and equipment purchases improves first responder readiness and capability to respond quickly and effectively to protect life and property, thus limiting damages within the city. In addition to the response efforts, increased readiness contributes to the long term recovery efforts for personal and business return to a more normalized community as soon as possible after a major disaster.

***Environmental:***

- The San Francisco and East Bay Area was greatly impacted by the recent Cosco Busan Oil Spill on November 8, 2007. A local emergency declaration was approved by the City Council on November 15, 2007, the same day that Alameda County declared a local emergency for the County. The Oakland Fire Department, OES staff continues to monitor for any changes to the situation. For the most part, gross clean-up has been completed and all areas are in the maintenance and monitoring mode. City of Oakland agencies successfully responded by taking precautionary measures, placing containment booms to keep the oil from reaching Lake Merritt and other Oakland water tributaries.
- The CORE program includes sections on mitigation, which reduces property loss, thereby preserving the local environment and economy to the greatest extent practicable during a disaster.

***Social Equity:***

- The CORE program has again expanded its outreach to include a focused recruitment of Persons with Disabilities, Cantonese speaking, and Spanish speaking residents.

**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

OES remains committed to its responsibility to address the needs of persons with disabilities and senior citizens in its emergency management programs. Specifically:

- Brochures and meeting minutes for OES programs continue to be published in Braille, on audiotape, and in large print format. Sign language interpreters are utilized, as needed.
- The CORE program training contains sections on preparedness for people with special needs.
- OES staff continues to attend meetings and present progress reports to the Mayor's Commission on Aging and Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

**RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the Oakland City Council continue to support the emergency preparedness efforts of the City of Oakland. Staff also recommends that the City Council also approve and accept this informational report.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the Oakland City Council accept and approve this informational report.

Respectfully submitted,



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