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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: April 28, 2009

**RE: Semi-annual Report On Emergency Management And Disaster Preparedness
Council Proceedings For The Period Of July To December 2008**

SUMMARY

This is an informational report which contains a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES) as reported to the City of Oakland's Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council for the period of July to December 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts contained in this informational report of OES and emergency preparedness activities for the City of Oakland.

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.

On December 4, 2007 the Council repealed Ordinances No. 11467 CMS and 11865 CMS, which originally established the EMB, and replaced them with Ordinance No. 12841 CMS, which established a specialized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 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 11th, there is a need for greater flexibility to appoint participating members, as required, who are qualified to address specific and technical emergency preparedness,

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response, recovery and mitigation issues as they arise. The purposes and objectives of the EMADPC remain the same as they were for the EMB.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

From the period of July to December 2008, OES conducted or participated in activities in the following areas or groups:

Federal/State/Local/Regional partnerships

OES staff continues 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
- Super Urban Area Security Initiative Approval Authority (SUASI), SUASI Emergency Manager Advisory Group and multiple SUASI Working Groups
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Hazards Advisory Committee
- VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) for Northern California
- FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) National Advisory Committee and sub-committees
- California Emergency Managers Association (CESA)
- Statewide Emergency Preparedness Committee (SWEPC)
- Bay Area Red Cross
- International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
- Northern Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC)
- Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program
- Oakland Radio Communications Association (ORCA), and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), amateur radio
- 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 and Fiscal Year 2007
- Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council (EMADPC) Meetings

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES (July to December, 2008)

Quarterly meetings of Oakland's Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council were held on September 18, 2008, and December 11, 2008. The following topics were discussed and reviewed:

- Presentation on December 11, 2008 by Karen Harris, Kaiser Hospital on the Southern CA Golden Guardian 2008 exercise as a member of a Mobile Hospital medical strike team. The four (4) day exercise included a full set up of an equipped mobile hospital with an emergency room and intensive care unit, as well as a separate area for triage. The hospital was full contained with negative air pressure and four (4) generators. Her PowerPoint presentation was instructional and she called this "a very exciting annual training".
- On September 18, 2008, the meeting was held at Coast Guard Island and included a tour of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf (WMSL 750) by the ship's Executive Officer, Commander Lang.

CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) Highlights

Despite elimination of the two previously frozen CORE program positions in the October 2008 budget reduction process, the CORE Coordinator and OES staff recruited volunteers to assist in all phases of the CORE program. In addition, OES managed to maintain a full schedule of events with the assistance of the CORE Advisory Task Force, CORE volunteers and other OES staff members.

Three complete series of CORE I, II and III were conducted as public classes at Holy Names University, Mills College and Patten College in addition to the popular neighborhood classes for CORE I and II.

- Chinese CORE continues to reach out to members of the Asian community. CORE classes for speakers of Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese have been held with current outreach for Cambodian speakers, as well. Thirty-one graduates received their CORE instruction in Asian languages at the Fall Graduation Ceremony on November 19, 2008.
- In August 2008, a part time instructor was hired to provide Spanish language instruction for CORE I and II. This will provide greater continuity to develop outreach efforts for Spanish speaking residents. CORE overview presentations were made to the Spanish Speaking Citizen Institute, St. Elizabeth Church, Holy Names University, Red Cross and Alameda County Health Care Services. After completing the CORE I training materials in Spanish, the instructor scheduled CORE I at the Cesar Chavez Library and St. Louis Bertrand Church beginning in mid-December 2008.
- CORE DVD and online training is being developed with funding assistance sponsored by Council members Quan and Kernighan.
- CORE provided a Networking Social on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Holy Names to facilitate networking connections between CORE groups and individuals interested in joining

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a CORE group or forming a new group. Over 100 people attended the event and free emergency preparedness prizes were distributed using both a raffle and a CORE “bingo” game, which was very popular and encouraged social interaction to identify the answers to the “bingo” square.

- Conducted one advanced training workshop, a *CORE Refresher* on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Seventeen CORE members attended which was more than twice the number in previous *Refresher* classes. Staff will continue efforts to recertify CORE volunteers in 2009.
- Currently refining curriculum for a revision of the CORE II and III training manual and materials. Upon completion, the Train the Trainer materials will be revised and the instructors will be provided additional training.
- Ninety-one (91) Oakland community members were honored during the Fall CORE graduation on November 19, 2008.
- Participated in monthly SUASI (Super Urban Area Security Initiative) Community Preparedness and Resiliency workgroup meetings.

Below are the CORE Program training statistics for July to December 2008. Please note that there was a reduction in overall training and overviews as a direct result of staff reductions.

CORE Training Classes, by Council District July to December 2008

	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4	CD 5	CD 6	CD 7	Other/ Unknown
<i>Outreach</i>								
Overview (English)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overview (Chinese)	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0
Overview (Spanish)	6	4	0	3	10	6	2	7
Total CORE Overview	6	4	38	3	10	6	2	7
<i>Basic Training</i>								
CORE I (English)	81	23	36	90	8	48	24	3
CORE II (English)	52	4	20	69	5	9	1	1
CORE III (English)	14	5	14	16	1	5	1	4
TOTAL CORE (English)	147	32	70	175	14	62	26	8
CORE I (Chinese)	0	39	60	5	7	0	0	0
CORE II (Chinese)	0	11	51	1	2	0	1	0
CORE III (Chinese)	2	9	20	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORE (Chinese)	2	59	131	6	9	0	1	0
CORE I (Spanish)	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	3
CORE II (Spanish)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORE III (Spanish)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORE (Spanish)	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	3
<i>Advanced Training</i>								
Managing Stress (English)	7	1	3	5	1	2	0	0
CORE Refresher (English)	1	1	3	10	1	0	0	0

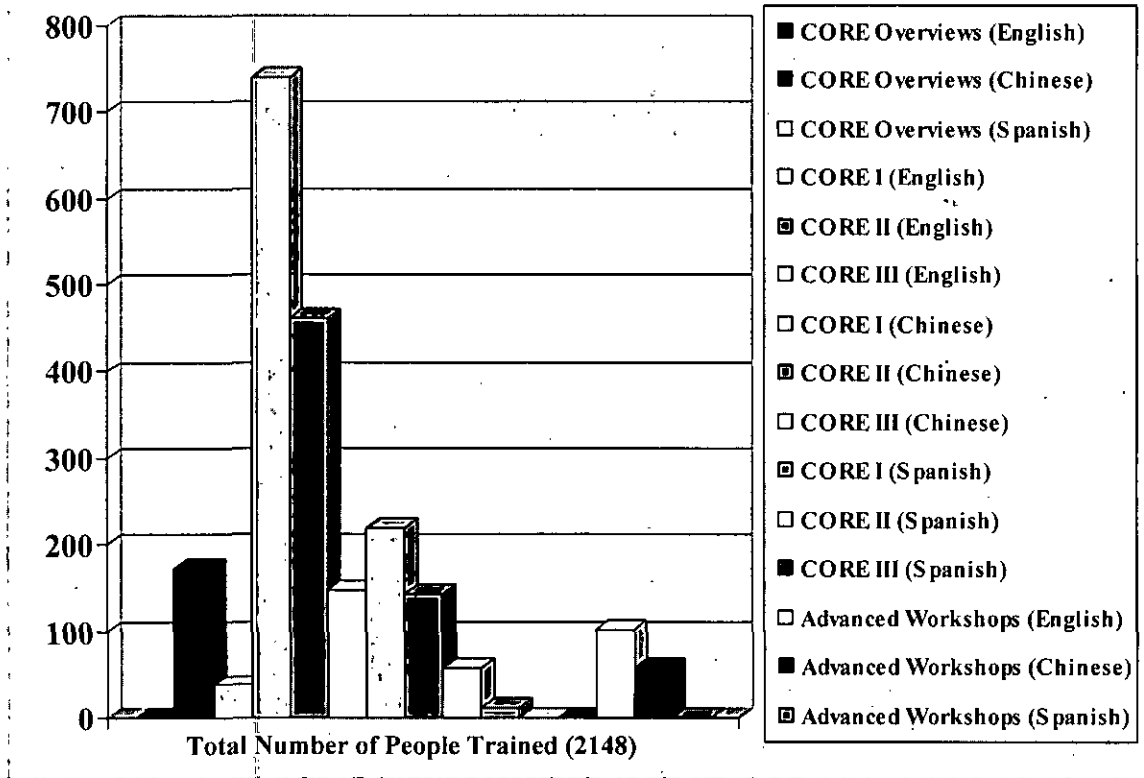
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TOTAL WORKSHOPS: (English)	8	2	6	15	2	2	0	0
GRAND TOTAL:	163	97	245	199	40	72	30	18

Annual January to December 2008 Totals

Total Overview (English):	0	Total CORE I (Chinese):	218	Total Workshops (English):	102
Total Overview (Chinese):	173	Total CORE II (Chinese):	143	Total Workshops (Chinese):	58
Total Overview (Spanish):	38	Total CORE III (Chinese):	57	Total Workshops (Spanish):	0
Total Overview (All):	211	Total CORE (Chinese):	418	Total Workshops (All):	160
Total CORE I (English):	740	Total CORE I (Spanish):	11		
Total CORE II (English):	461	Total CORE II (Spanish):	0		
Total CORE III (English):	147	Total CORE III (Spanish):	0		
Total CORE (English):	1348	Total CORE (Spanish):	11	Total 2008 Attendance: 2148	

Total Number of 2008 Trainings Conducted



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

ORCA members continue to meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month in the Media Room at OES.

- ORCA members celebrated their 10th anniversary on October 4, 2008.

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- On October 23, 2008, ORCA participated in the Silver Sentinel UASI regional exercise by activating the EOC radio room as well as deploying volunteers to fire stations and the Emergency Volunteer Center.
- RACES officers continue to provide technical assistance in the design and layout of the dedicated Radio Room at the Alternate EOC site.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- Department of Information Technology (DIT) continues to add layers of data for the EOC's Geographic Information System (GIS) map applications.
- July 4, 2008, the EOC was partially activated for July 4th activity monitoring.
- 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 EPIO (Emergency Public Information Officers team) meets monthly.
 - The CORE program uses it for Task Force Advisory meetings, planning meetings and CORE trainings.
 - Silver Sentinel Functional Exercise city department planning committee meetings and trainings were held to prepare for this exercise which occurred on October 23, 2008.

Tours of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- The Kaiser Permanente Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) toured on October 30, 2008 including a SEMS/NIMS overview.
- The San Leandro City Manager and Information Technology staff visited on November 6, 2008, surveying the various electronic and telecommunications systems.

FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC)

The National Advisory Council (NAC) advises the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on all aspects of emergency management. The 2008 Annual Report will be posted on the National Registry in January 2009. FEMA provided the NAC with the following updates:

- FEMA Response to recent hurricanes
 - Logistics issues
- NIMS, Integrated Planning System (IPS), Target Capabilities List updates
- National Preparedness
- New administration transition
- DHS/FEMA Grants

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The NAC and subcommittees are working on the following issues with Oakland OES staff appointed in 2007 to the NAC to provide leadership and participation:

Housing- Sub Committee

The Housing Strategy was released in January 2009. FEMA emphasized that the operational component will be included as an annex due in 2010. An Operational Task Force is working on operational guidelines. FEMA Staff has successfully requested that the NAC provide full council support for legislative change to grant FEMA authority to empower state and locals to implement their own housing strategy in collaboration with the FEMA plan.

National Response Framework (NRF) Sub-Committee

The committee is a congressional mandated sub-committee to provide input on modifications to the NRF as well as develop strategies for the dissemination of the framework, including relevant training programs. The Office of Doctrine will be the division responsible for the implementation of the framework. At the December NAC meeting, all final recommendations were approved by the full council, were posted on the National Registry and submitted to FEMA in January 2009.

Stafford Act Sub-Committee meeting

Participants received briefings on regulatory legislative and policy changes. At the December NAC meeting, all final recommendations were approved by the full council, were posted on the National Registry and submitted to FEMA in January 2009.

Special Needs Sub-Committee meeting

Members attending were supportive of institutionalizing a regional approach for better coordination with federal, state and local efforts and to focus on functionality; a consistent approach with local adaptation in application. Members recommended Regional Disability Coordinators to fill gaps for response operations. At the December NAC meeting, all final recommendations were approved by the full council, were posted on the National Registry and submitted to FEMA in January 2009.

Additional OES Activities

- An Operations Manual for the alternate EOC is in draft form and orientation sessions were held in 2009.
- OES and other City agencies continue to update the City's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) to integrate NIMS into the all hazards annexes.
- OES staff members continue to attend SUASI working group meetings; other members of the City's agencies, (OPD, OFD & PWA) have participated as well.

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- A contract was signed for five (5) annual system inspections and maintenance of the Siren system. Siren software will be updated and training will be conducted for both Fire and Police Dispatch Centers.
- OES collaborated with the American Red Cross in the Local Heroes Recognition Event. This year's distinguished local heroes were Oakland residents Cora "Mom" Green as the "Act of Kindness and Philanthropy Hero", Arlene Swinderman for the "Community Service Hero" and Karen Oberdorfer for the "Animal Rescue Hero".
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) conducted a survey pilot project on soft story multi-family 2-7 story buildings in Oakland over two weekends in September and October 2008. ABAG staff analysis and report are in draft form. Oakland staff continues to follow this project.
- The City of Oakland is forging a collaborative partnership with the Port of Oakland and the U.S. Coast Guard. The focus of the collaboration is to support activities that are aimed at supporting sustainable risk-based efforts to enhance access and control to protect Port areas against potential terrorist attack, major hazardous materials emergencies and major natural disasters.

Exercises & Training

- The **Silver Sentinel** exercise was a large regional functional exercise which occurred on October 23, 2008 based on a catastrophic Hayward Fault rupture. There was participation from State OES, the SUASI cities and eight (8) counties as well as other local jurisdictions and special districts. A series of planning meetings and four (4) trainings for Oakland City departments were held to discuss City goals and objectives to be exercised as well as the Incident Command System EOC sections functions. The date of the exercise was the 140th anniversary of the last "big" earthquake on the Hayward Fault. By timing the exercise to correspond with the historical reminders and using advance data from HAZUS (HAZUS-MH -Hazards U.S. Multi-Hazard, a nationally applicable standardized methodology and software program that estimates potential losses from earthquake, hurricanes and floods) program run by U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the exercise provided an excellent opportunity to train and prepare for the most likely catastrophic scenario for the City of Oakland. Over 110 City staff as well as representatives from EBMUD, Red Cross and the University of CA, Office of the President, participated in the EOC activation. The UASI region After Action Report (AAR) is in draft form and the Oakland AAR was completed in April 2009.
- The "No Blue Flu" exercise was conducted on November 3-6, 2008, for OPD (Oakland Police Department) and on December 5-7, 2008 for OFD (Oakland Fire Department). This exercise tested the bioterrorism plan for medical dispensing to Oakland's first responders. Participating agencies included OFD, OPD, Alameda County Public Health, the Red Cross and Medical Reserve Volunteers.

- OES, OFD and OPD participated in IS 300-400 training the first week of November in the Media Room at OES. This training is a National Incident Management NIMS requirement for disaster reimbursement.
- OES, OFD and OPD participated in IS 110,200,300, 400 Train the Trainer the first week in December 2008 in the Media Room at OES. Fourteen (14) agencies attended the train the trainer sessions to increase local agency capacity for in-house training to meet the NIMS requirements.
- OES staff provided Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC) training on October 17, 2008 at Studio One for Oakland departments including Parks and Recreation, Office of Personnel, City Clerk and Information Technology. This was in support of the Silver Sentinel Exercise which included a goal of setting up an EVC as part of the exercise.
- OES arranged UASI funding for Emergency Public Information Officers in Joint Information Center (JIC) Activities in September 2008. Nine (9) Oakland staff participated in the two-day training by Media Survivors. This was in support of the Silver Sentinel Exercise which included a goal of setting up a regional JIC. Oakland PIOs participated in the exercise in the EOC and a liaison was sent to the Alameda County JIC.
- OES and OFD staff provided training under contract to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with 106 participants from Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) on the Incident Command System, the floor warden system and fire extinguisher training.

Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI) Grant Activities

2005 UASI Grant:

Staff is preparing for the anticipated 2005 UASI grant close-out.

- Inventory review and completion for the 2005 UASI grant. This entails coordinating information on all purchases funded with the 2005 grant award. Although the City of Oakland is the grantee, some equipment was purchased for regional partners and must be inventoried.

2006 UASI Grant:

Both the 2006 UASI grant performance period extension and budget modification request were approved by the UASI management team. The extension was approved through September 30, 2008. Fiscal reconciliation and close-out started on November 30, 2008. This grant was chosen for a full Single Audit Review by the outside auditors for the City of Oakland.

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- The 2006 UASI grant funding included equipment for the mobile emergency communications vehicle and tactical operations equipment (SWAT).
- The mobile emergency communications vehicle supports increased capability from a mobile standpoint so that public safety and service agencies within and across agencies and regional jurisdictions can be served via the emergency communications vehicle. The City of Oakland will also provide mutual aid region response to agencies and jurisdictions that do not possess this type of equipment.
- Forty-four (44) satellite telephones have been purchased and distributed to appropriate department heads and first responders in OPD and OFD. Trainings were held on February 9 and March 9, 2009.

2007 UASI Grant:

OES staff has submitted the first Financial Status Report (FSR) for the FY 2007 UASI Grant.

Small Business Preparedness Planning

Two Business Disaster brochure mass mailings have been sent to 300+ local businesses and non-profits to identify potential clients interested in Incident Command Training and other emergency preparedness training. Copies were also distributed through the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Association. Several inquiries have been made for training.

OSPR Grant, LCP and ACP Revisions

- The CA Dept of Fish and Game through the Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) program awards an annual grant to the City of Oakland for the purpose of updating the Local Contingency Plan (LCP). Since July 1995, the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has been the lead agency for development and implementation of the LCP, the Alameda County Oil Spill Contingency Plan. As lead agency, the City of Oakland has the responsibility of preparing the Local Contingency Plan and for coordinating all the plan information with the other applicants and participating agencies within Alameda County. The applicant agencies are: Alameda County Health Department Hazardous Materials Division, Berkeley Health Department Hazardous Materials Division, San Leandro Fire Department, Fremont Fire Department, Union City Hazardous Materials Bureau, and Newark Fire Department. The participating agencies are the City of Alameda and the Port of Oakland.
- During the current grant period and next grant period (September 1, 2008 through July 1, 2009), the Alameda County Oil Spill Contingency Plan will need to be completely revised to incorporate the lessons learned as a result of the Cosco Busan Oil Spill incident. The process is midway through the draft revision with participation of the

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agencies listed above. The planning group has submitted the majority of final documents for comment online. It will be finalized upon receipt of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Contingency Plan (SFBD ACP).

- The San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Contingency Plan (SFBD ACP) is under revision by the United States Coast Guard and other partners, including staff participation from OES and OFD. The due date for release has passed and release is expected shortly.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was officially launched as a national, community-based initiative in September 2003. The MRC was formed in response to President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. It is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. The City of Oakland Medical Reserve Corps was officially approved April 10, 2007 by the United States Office of the Surgeon General. Established to provide volunteer medical professionals and resources, Oakland's MRC will augment the high demand but limited availability of health and welfare services needed during and after a disaster in our community.
- One of the main objectives for the MRC is to assist the City of Oakland and Alameda County Public Health with the distribution of mass prophylaxis in the event of Bioterrorism or Epidemic Outbreak. MRC volunteers include but are not limited to non-medical, medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, dentists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, infectious disease specialists, administrative assistants, machinists, retired military personnel and security officers.
- Many lessons were learned after September 11, 2001, as well as after Hurricane Katrina. The response from the medical community was enormous. However, without any prior training in emergency response, and no mechanism for credentials to be checked on-site, many volunteers were turned away. The time for volunteers to become involved in emergency response is now – before an incident occurs. MRC Volunteers are registered and credentialed in the City of Oakland and State of California as Disaster Service Workers and must successfully pass a background investigation.
- The MRC has over 70 members and participated in both the OPD and OFD Blue Flu Exercises.
- The MRC has a Pet Rescue and Shelter Team who attended the Basic Animal Rescue Training (B.A.R.T.), a Homeland Security approved training for first responders. This enables Oakland to become a chapter for this training and to receive grant funding through the sponsoring organization.

- The Bay Area Regional Council of MRCs is submitting equipment grant proposals to the UASI working groups as appropriate.

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, IS300, IS700, IS800 training completed by newly hired staff or staff that have been promoted to managerial positions on a monthly basis. Currently, approximately 85% of City of Oakland staff has completed the required DHS training.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

The economic conditions for the city of Oakland are enhanced by OES success in applying for and receiving Federal grant dollars. In the current economic slowdown with city revenues reduced, first responder readiness has been supported by purchasing equipment for OFD, OPD, Port and Airport security enhancements, pharmaceutical cache supplies in the event of pandemic flu, upgrading HazMat equipment and satellite telephone equipment. UASI grant funds (\$3 million over a multi-year grant cycle) have assisted Oakland to move toward communication interoperability P25 compliance due by 2012. One of three city P25 sites has been upgraded for complete P25 compliance.

The Blue Flu Exercise provided free flu vaccinations to 502 first responders in OPD, OFD, EMS and OES. This successful vaccination program is likely to reduce flu absenteeism thereby lowering back-fill and overtime costs and in that way, the exercise provides direct economic support to the City with cost reduction/savings to the general fund.

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. Interoperability improvements assist in communication within Oakland and within the Mutual Aid region for larger incidents.

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 environmental quality of life for the Oakland community is protected and mitigated by OES planning activities. By planning for coordinated response, the City is able to identify situations for immediate mitigation efforts. Environmental damages can be minimized and clean up efforts maximized by effective plans and coordinated response.

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Long term toxic environmental damage to city property, such as Lake Merritt and Port of Oakland facilities from the Cosco Busan 2007 incident, was minimized by implementation of existing Local Contingency Plan (LCP) and Area Contingency Plan (ACP), including coordinated emergency response with the state and the Coast Guard. By revising and updating the plan in 2008, the lessons learned are incorporated to benefit the community in Oakland by protecting the environment and limiting exposure to environmental hazards.

The CORE community education program includes sections on mitigation practices that individuals and neighborhoods can utilize to reduce property loss and preserve the local environment and economy to the greatest extent practicable during a disaster.

Social Equity:

The CORE program continues 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.
- OES staff continues to participate with the Alameda County Planning Group for People with Disabilities and the Elderly. The Planning Group meets monthly to review and to work on Alameda County's Mass Care Annex for the Disabled and the Elderly.
- The City of Oakland is developing the Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Annex for Mass Care and Sheltering to ensure planning and preparedness efforts are all inclusive. Interviews were conducted on November 3-5, 2008 with city representatives, local and regional representatives as well as non-profit groups as part of the planning process.
- Staff attended the Bay Area Paratransit Emergency Planning Workshop. The focus was on collaboration between government and private service agencies for better coordination of paratransit services during times of disaster.

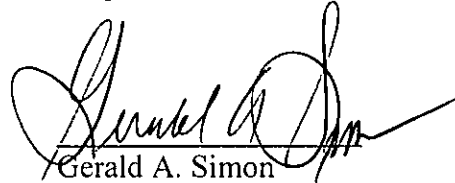
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

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 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.

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