

Minutes: Community Preparedness Meeting, Fire Station April 15, 2017 0900

Todd McBride (Chair),

Attendees: John Noard, Bob Scott, Rick Kinder, RC and Mary Ghormley, Bill and Maureen Latham, Kevin Blake, Randy Wichterman, John Sanders.

In the past, Eddie Gieske has been able to help responders locate fires if he receives reports which include compass direction to the fire and the latitude/longitude of the observer's location.

The ranch hotline 846-2464 (this number published only to lot owners or residents) does not accept messages, but will be used to make emergency info available as needed.

As we move into the fire season, wildfire awareness should be a priority. Fire danger signs near the guard shack were discussed. The SFTR website also includes high fire danger warnings as applicable.

There was some discussion concerning relocating the corral cattle guard to the exit 2 tunnel and the whether location of this emergency exit is known to ranch residents. Suggested map/picture options for education purposes.

Ranch Owner Window stickers are available from Todd (620-544-1950). Their use is encouraged.

Discussed previously held July 4th "welcoming/caution" activity. No activity planned for this year related to busy time for bridge construction.

The Community Preparedness Handbook dated Jan 2010 was discussed at length. Minor updates are needed, to include the area leaders section. The goal is to have the Handbook updated and available for handout at the picnic on June 10. It will also be updated on the website, and highlighted as a binoculars item.

Maureen will investigate the possibility of obtaining Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for use in Cardiac emergencies by the general public.

Code Red phone calls (reverse 911) are a way of receiving emergency information. John Sanders investigating the type of info that can be received and how a subscriber signs up. The info will be included in the updated Handbook.

Next meeting (date TBD) will be advertised on the SFTR website calendar. All interested parties welcome. Minutes prepared by R.C. Ghormley & Maureen Latham